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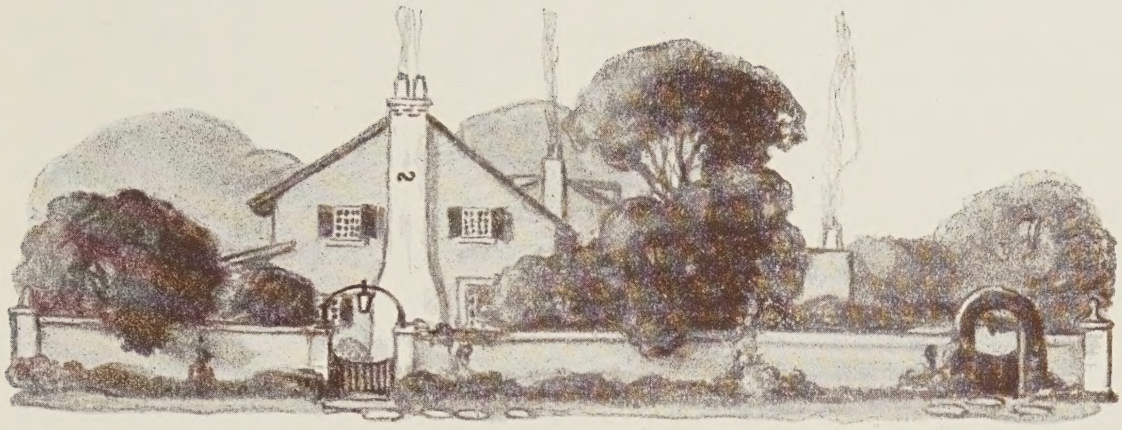

YOUR HOME
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THE LEWIS IDEA

HOME building, the oldest of industries, has been one of the slowest to adopt modern economical and efficient methods. The first marked advance in the art of home building that had been made for a great many years was the Lewis System of shipping, direct from the mill to the builder, materials accurately cut-to-fit by the most modern machinery. Since then the building industry has been throwing off the habits of ages and is rapidly accepting the labor-saving and cost-reducing methods inaugurated by Lewis.

Fast being discontinued are the old-fashioned, wasteful methods where the materials arrive at the building site in a very raw and unfinished state, by a roundabout route, there to be worked up by hand, dressed and fitted by carpenters working under conditions that handicap them and encourage delays, mistakes and unanticipated expense.

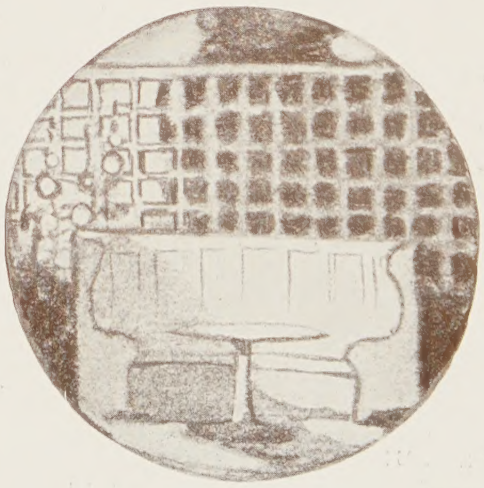
With this advance in efficient methods of home building has come the tendency in recent years to avoid the distracting ornament and jig-saw construction of the last generation. In their place is an appreciation of the true beauty of the homes of our colonial period and of the artistic worth of wood as a building material. We now know that simplicity with good lines is more to be prized than ornament without them.

The same advance in adaptation to actual artistic and practical needs is shown in modern interior arrangement.

Gone is the parlor and with it the custom of leaving the best room in the house utterly unused except on rare occasions. Instead, we find the living room, a place where the truly beautiful is also comfortable to live with, where nothing is too nice for every day, and yet everything speaks to the guest of a high standard of culture and comfort. This is the home ideal enshrined in the imagination of almost all families today. And this is the ideal which Lewis helps them to express.

The public has been educated to demand this sort of home, but there are very few home builders, untrained in architecture, who are able to carry it out unaided. Every town has its examples, often most painful to the artistic eye, of the work of amateur home builders.

It has been said that a man must build three houses for himself before he is satisfied, and the statement is no exaggeration. Sometimes he tries to embody in one house all the ideas in home building which have ever appealed to him; the result is an architectural hodgepodge. Or he builds with the sole consideration of exterior effect, finding when it is too late, that the interior is inconvenient, expensive to build, and hard to live in. Or he lays out a floor plan, splendidly arranged, and the outside appearance is freakish or entirely without character. He wastes lumber, time and energy and is dissatisfied in the end.



It is to avoid such heart-breaking mistakes and to provide the home builder with the advice of architectural experts, experienced contractors, and lumber specialists that the Lewis system exists.

And at the same time it saves money, for it brings about a 40 per cent decrease in labor costs, and hundreds of dollars on lumber. When a man builds the Lewis Way, he knows beforehand just what his house will cost him, just how it will look, that every detail of construction and arrangement has been tested and found satisfactory. The ordinary delays and worries of home building have been completely wiped out.

And yet at the same time he is building a house characteristically his. The hundred Lewis designs with their varying sizes and opportunities for endless variations in material and color scheme give the builder every chance to express his own tastes.

In choosing a Lewis home he has looked over the

best work of leading architects—he has had presented before him every type of home suited to American living conditions, types in many cases never before developed at moderate cost.

He is dealing with a concern with a national reputation to sustain, an organization whose coordination of every branch of the building industry enables it to offer masterpieces in home design, and the finest material with which to develop them, at astonishingly moderate prices. At lower cost and immensely increased speed of erection, Lewis homes offer the best, practically and artistically, that modern architecture has devised.

The Lewis method effects savings in a number of ways. In the first place, designs are offered you, chosen from the best work of foremost architects, with blueprints and complete directions, everything an architect does for his customers, all without costing you an architect's fee. And you have only to turn the pages of this book to realize how attractive, convenient and various a selection is afforded. Moreover, you choose your design from actual photographs of houses that are already erected and giving satisfaction. You are not experimented upon or given a vague or a false idea of the way your completed home will look.

An architect all too often disregards the home builder who employs him. He is particularly apt to plan the house in such a way as to waste lumber. He places windows and doors wherever his fancy directs, without regard to standard lumber lengths, when perhaps a change of a few inches in the plan would save a great deal of material and labor.

This mistake is also commonly made by the man who plans his own home. Here is where the close-knit Lewis organization has an advantage. Lewis architects work in direct contact with a great lumber center and in their work standard sizes are always taken into consideration and used wherever compatible with convenience and good lines.

Lewis absolutely guarantees that you will receive first-class lumber in perfect condition exactly as specified. The grade of lumber specified by Lewis is better than most contractors are using, and it is certain of prompt delivery. No need to substitute an inferior grade for part of the work because "there's no No. 1 to be had just now," or suspend work on the house for days or weeks pending a shipment.

Lewis material comes all at once

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Not only is the lumber of highest grade but the specifications provide for thoroughly solid construction. Studs are doubled at all corners, on all door openings and window openings. The practice of using single studs around openings is very common but is not considered good construction and is not carried out in well designed houses. All Lewis floors are double, making these houses very easy to heat.

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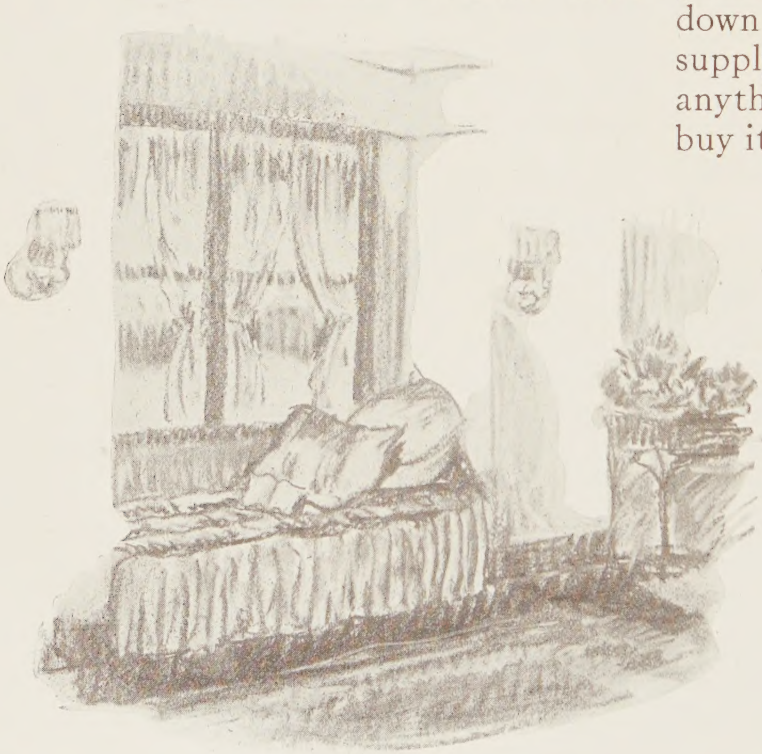

The high grade lumber from our forests and mills comes to you at a low price because the middleman is eliminated and because we prepare it for you by the cut-to-fit method, avoiding waste. Around a new house built in the ordinary way, any amount of short ends lie unused, wasted in the cutting. That wasted material is all good lumber

which the home builder paid for. All this waste is eliminated by the Lewis method. Short ends left from one house just fit into another.

Lewis standardization allows us to use huge power-driven machines, doing the work of hundreds of carpenters. We have, for instance, machines which will each cut two carloads, or about fifty thousand feet of framing material every ten hours. It would require fifty-four good carpenters to accomplish this work in the same length of time, but only three men are required to operate this machine and every piece is accurately cut, perfectly fitted to the place for which it is intended. Such speed of production and elimination of waste tells why we can offer the best lumber at low prices.

After the material is cut, it is marked and numbered, assembled, bundled and loaded. Much work is done which the ordinary understanding of the term ready-cut would not lead you to expect. Porch columns are built, newel posts constructed, doors bored for the locks, sash all glazed and puttied, all the intricate fussy details that carpenters usually spend days and weeks on are done beforehand. And everything is assembled logically. Stair parts are together, each window frame bundled separately, all bundles of material loaded in the car in the order required in the erection. No unnecessary handling, everything is easy to find and understand. And with the carload of material we furnish a complete set of drawings and instructions. The drawings show every piece of material and the place in which it belongs. The instructions take you through every step of erection and are so clear and simple that mistakes are almost impossible. Immediately after the order is placed, the customer is supplied with complete plans, showing how to excavate and build the foundation. He is even told how to unload the material when it arrives. A plan is furnished which shows the foundation and where each different kind of material should be piled, so that everything will be handy when needed.

No one need point out to you the economy in time, labor and money of this system after your house begins to take shape. Your workmen are putting on the roof while those next door seem to be just getting started. Your men work along steadily—you can see the house grow under their hands.

No need to spend hours planning and sandpapering, making stairs, porch columns, and other particular and intricate parts. No measuring, marking and sawing. No waiting because some material hasn't arrived on time, or laying off for a week or so and losing valuable labor or of paying the men for being idle because you've run out of something and you can't get any shipped in for awhile. All that is done away with. The complete material for the house is all here, ready for immediate use when needed.

From beginning to end, Lewis service watches over the process. No firm was ever more careful of its reputation for honor and helpfulness than the Lewis Mfg. Co. Every old customer is our friend and we are most anxious that every new one shall be. We are always glad to answer any questions and to give suggestions whenever they may be of any benefit to our customers, for we take immense interest in every Lewis home even after it is finished and you are occupying it. Lewis is not just a manufacturer of houses. Lewis is a maker of homes.

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The STANDISH

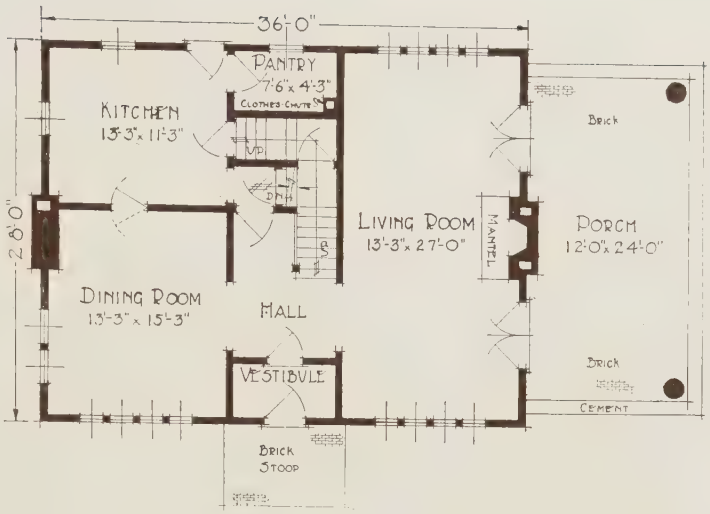
DIGNITY, simplicity and strength were the watchwords of the New England builders, and the Standish, designed in the same spirit, possesses every one of these qualities.

Beautiful old-fashioned doorway, small-paned windows, wide clapboards, odd set-in dormers, massive chimneys, brick-floored porches, all are details which make up the sum of harmonious design.

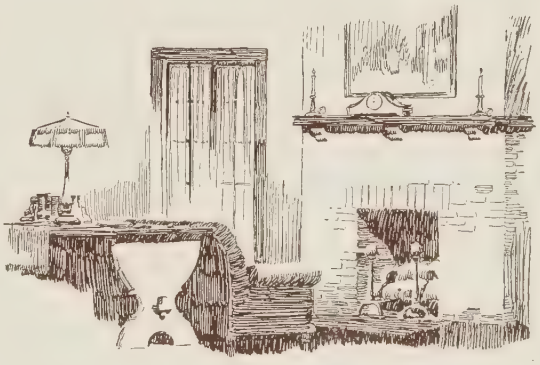
The Standish would be the pride of almost any community and a continual joy to the family lucky enough to call it their own.

The New Englanders have given us some of our finest doorways. This is one of their best. The hood formed by the bay window jutting out above and two tiny windows flanking the door completes the artistic arrangement.

In keeping with the dignified exterior are the vestibule and hall. Off the big living room, French doors open on the porch. The many windowed dining room has a swing door to the kitchen, from which a pantry opens. Note the clothes chute.

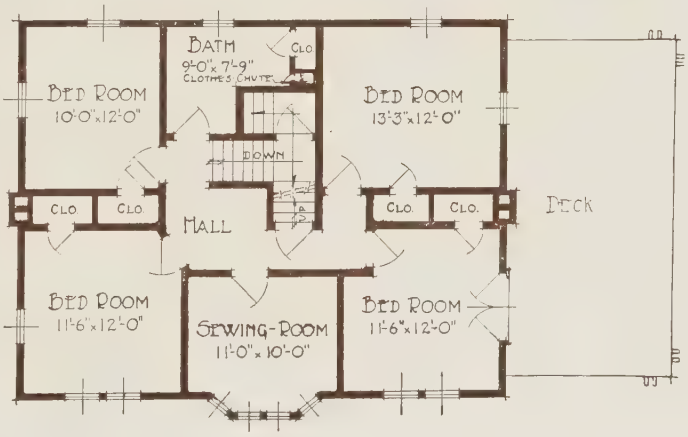


This sketch shows more clearly how simply and beautifully the architectural details of the Standish are handled.



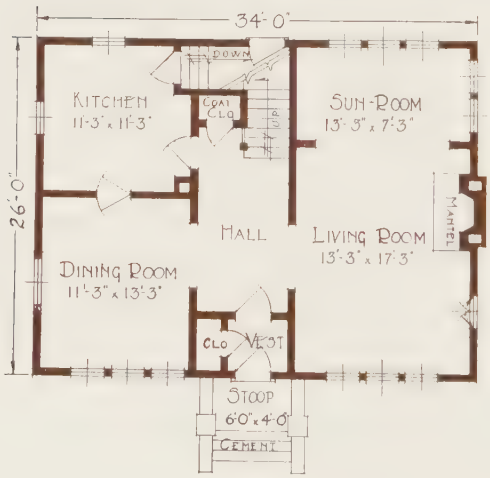
The four bedrooms are all plentifully supplied with windows and French door opens from one to the porch deck.

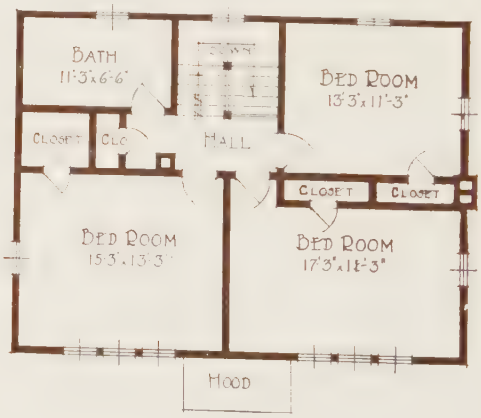
The bay window lights a splendid little sewing room. The bathroom is large; every bedroom is provided with a large closet, and there is a rear stair.



The STUYVESANT

EVERY passerby of taste and discernment casts envious eyes on the Stuyvesant. It is such an eminently desirable home, with its air of pride in colonial ancestry and its excellent floor plan full of the newest and best ideas in home design. The sunroom is the most striking feature of the first floor plan. Space lacks to call attention to the other good points of the Stuyvesant; but the photograph and floor plans speak for themselves.





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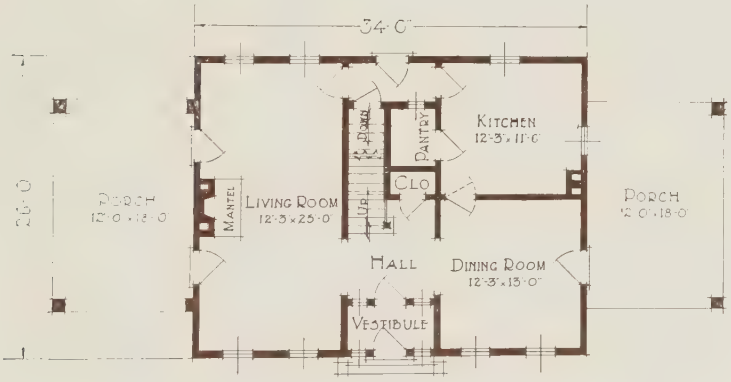
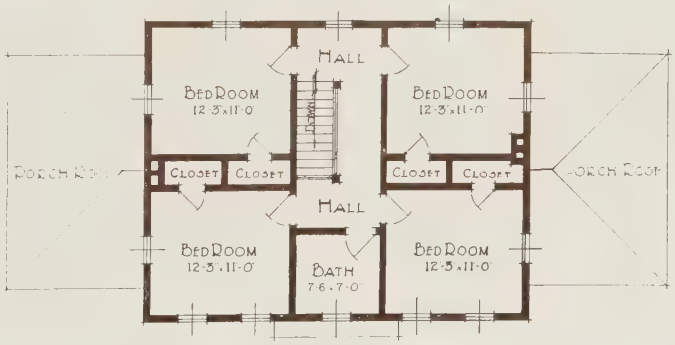


A MEMBER of the old New England Colonial designs, the Lenox is a home which stands for family integrity and inherited traditions. The spirit of the old colonists is emphasized in the beautiful simplicity of the Lenox.

The interior of the Lenox has been developed to utilize every inch of space with a consequent economy of time and labor in the administration of the household.



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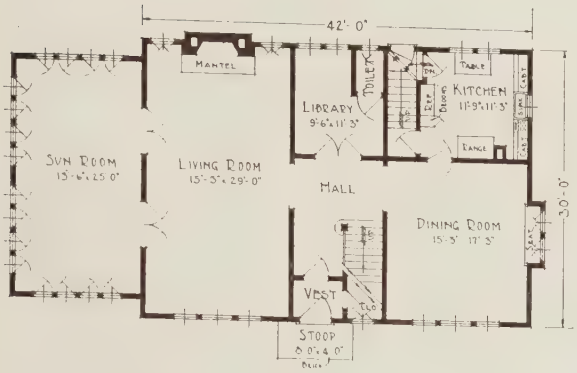
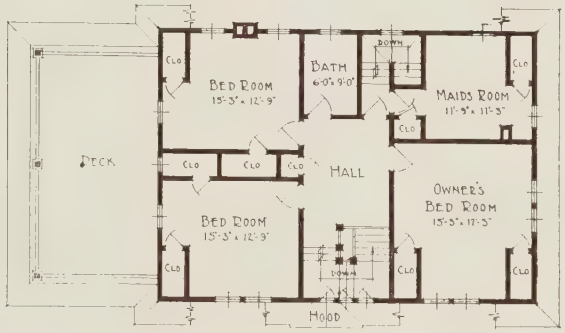
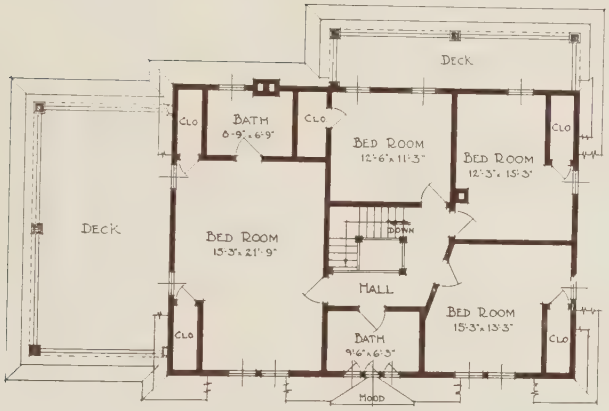


THE distinctive colonial characteristics embodied in the design of the "Marlboro" are exceptionally impressive. It is a home that lends itself admirably well to artistic landscape effects. Once seen it is never to be forgotten.

Alternate Plan No. 1 which provides for a pantry and larger kitchen.

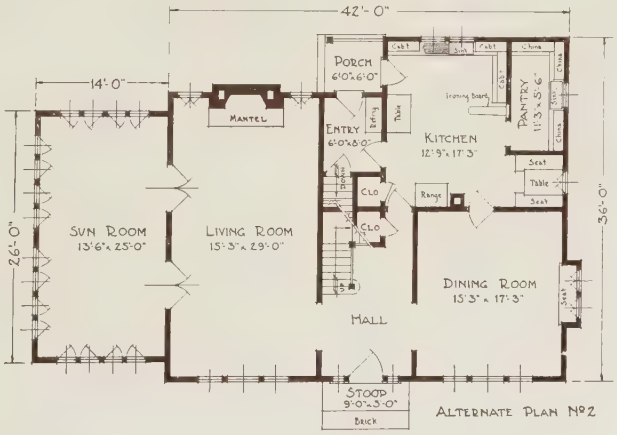




ALTERNATE PLAN Nº 2

THE completeness of the interior has not been sacrificed in order to obtain its rich exterior beauty. The huge living room with the sun room adjoining will be a constant source of pride and comfort. Imagine the pleasure of entertaining in a home like this.

The Marlboro, with the alternate No. 2 floor plan, will appeal to many who prefer two baths on the second floor. The rear service entry, rear porch and breakfast nook are other features found in this plan.



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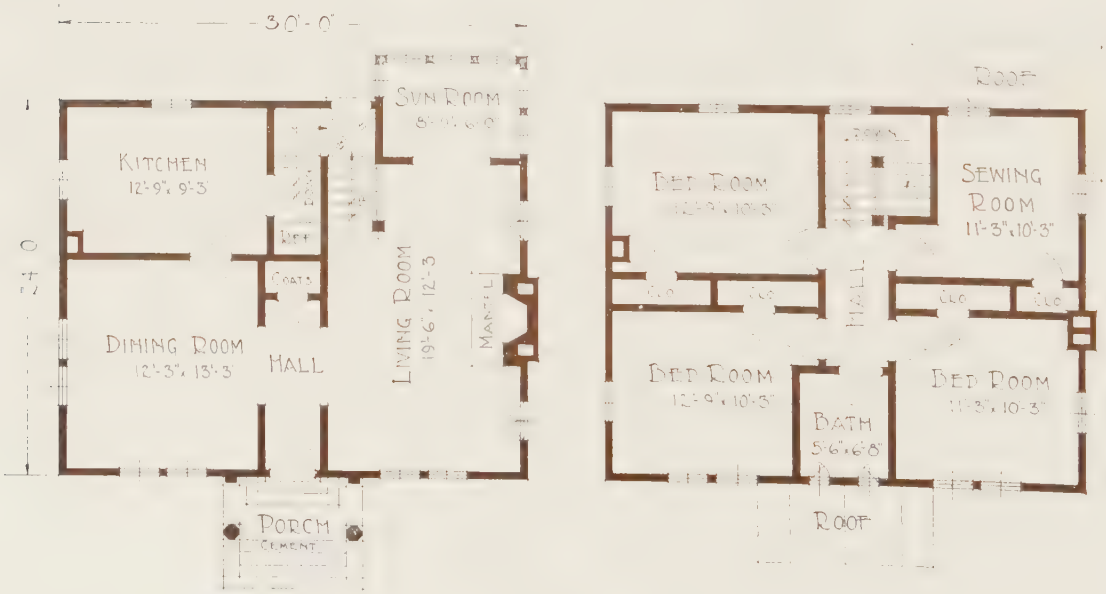
The CONCORD

FEW homes possess such a quiet, graceful dignity as this stately Colonial design. The Concord is everything that can be desired, not alone in the beautiful simplicity of its exterior, but in its sensible well-planned arrangement as well. The wide Colonial siding painted white and the green slatted blinds give an especially pleasing color scheme.



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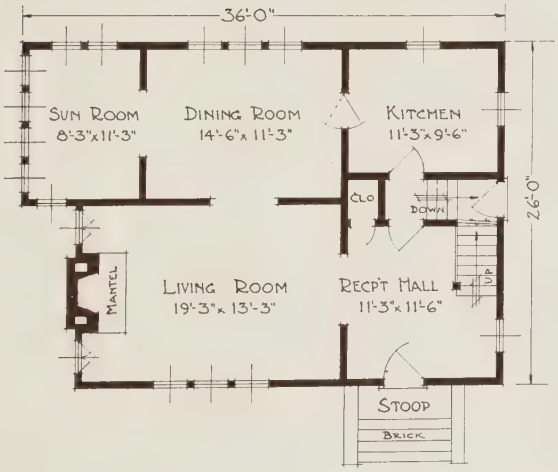
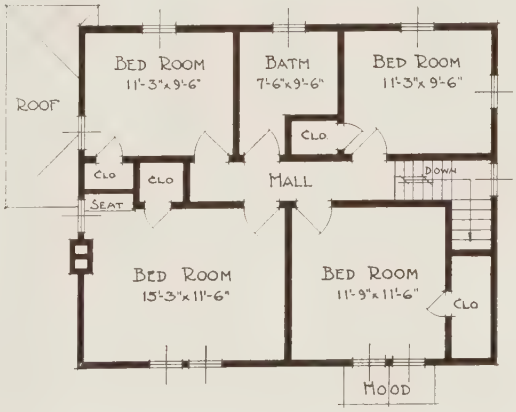


THERE is much in the exterior design and floor plan arrangement of this comfortable Colonial design that will appeal to home-lovers. The gambrel roof is exceptionally well proportioned and emphasizes the value of wide dormers which give square ceilings to all second floor rooms.

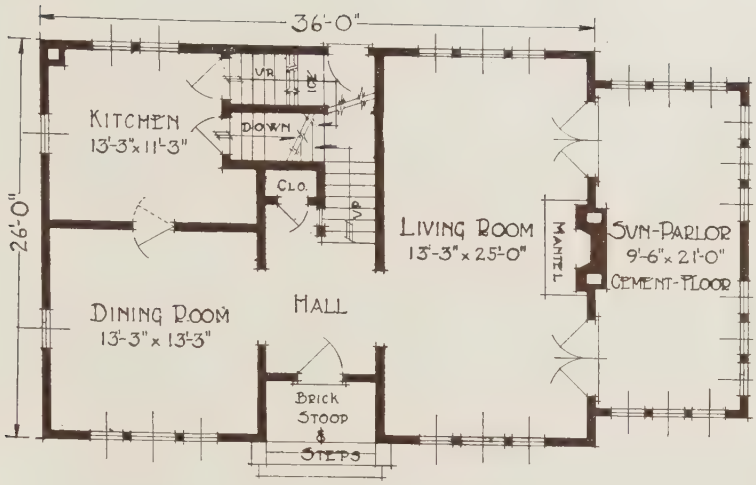


The interior is decidedly cozy, with four rooms and reception hall below and four comfortable bedrooms, and a large bath on second floor, all opening off from the central hall. With a drive at the side, a fifty-foot lot is ample.

The CHELTENHAM

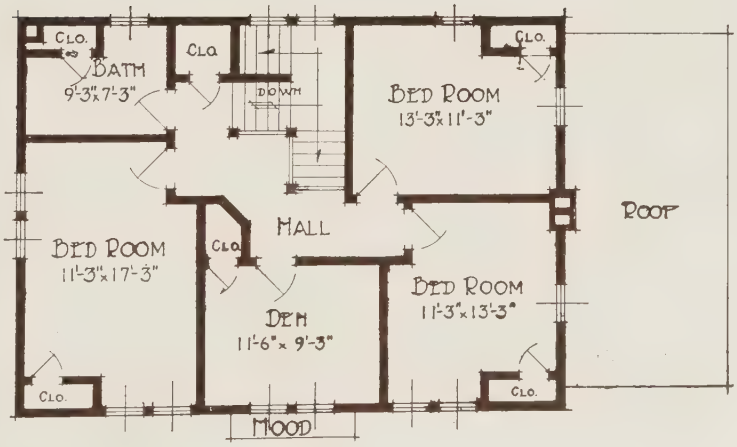
THE Cheltenham is a distinctly modern version of the Dutch colonial home. The beauty of the old lines has been preserved but the wonderful sun parlor gives away the fact that this home belongs to these later days of faith in sunshine and fresh air. The unusual set-in doorway is at once noticed and approved.

Who wouldn't enjoy meals in a dining room like this with its handsome woodwork and many windows?



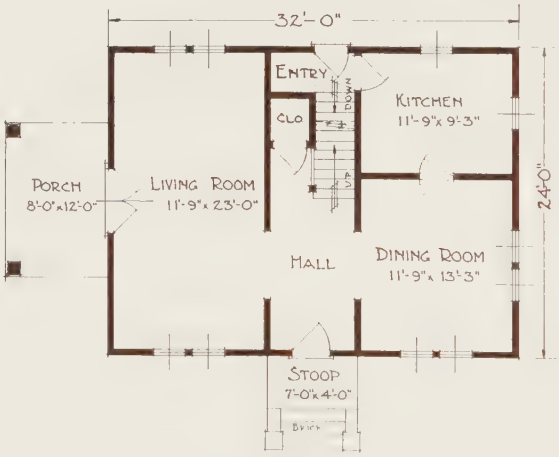
The entrance hall has cased openings on either side, one to the dining room and one to the splendid big living room. From the latter, two doors open on the sun parlor, the walls are almost made of glass.

A view from the living room to the hall. The large amount of wall space and yet its many windows and French doors make this room particularly desirable.



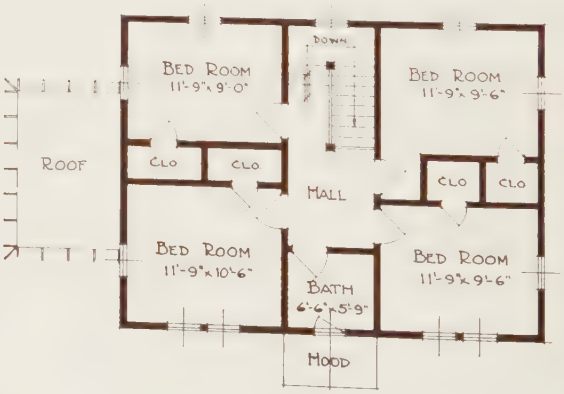
The arrangement of the hall is different, the bedrooms are so wonderfully light and airy, and then there is the cunning den with its windows and queer-shaped closet. There are six closets in all.

The SHELBOURNE



THE growing popularity of the true Colonial designs, like the Shelbourne, is undoubtedly due to the splendid interior arrangement of rooms that is usually combined with a delightful exterior appearance.

The Colonial hall with the open stairs and hall closet, the enclosed sun parlor adjoining the huge living room, are some of the things you are sure to like. Notice how light and airy the bedrooms all are.



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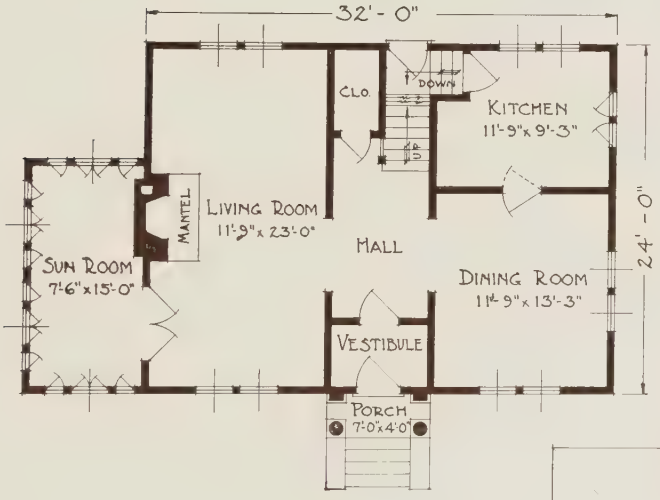
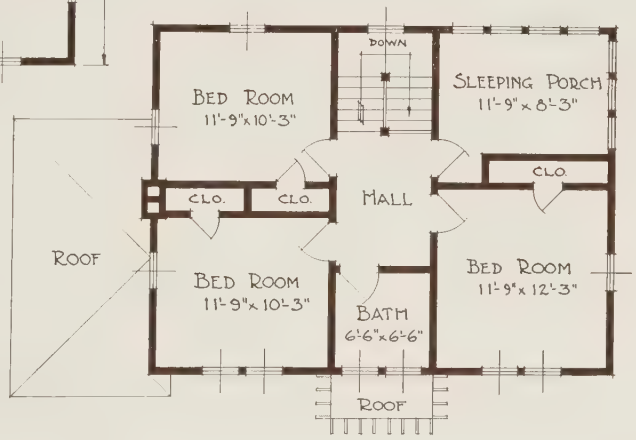


DIGNITY and permanence are manifested in this beautiful Colonial design. The fascinating front entrance, the sun parlor with its many swinging casements, the shuttered windows, faithfully follow the best of New England's Colonial traditions.

A delightful combination is the use of white stucco to the belt with the wide siding above. This is optional, however, as the lower story can also be finished with siding if desired.

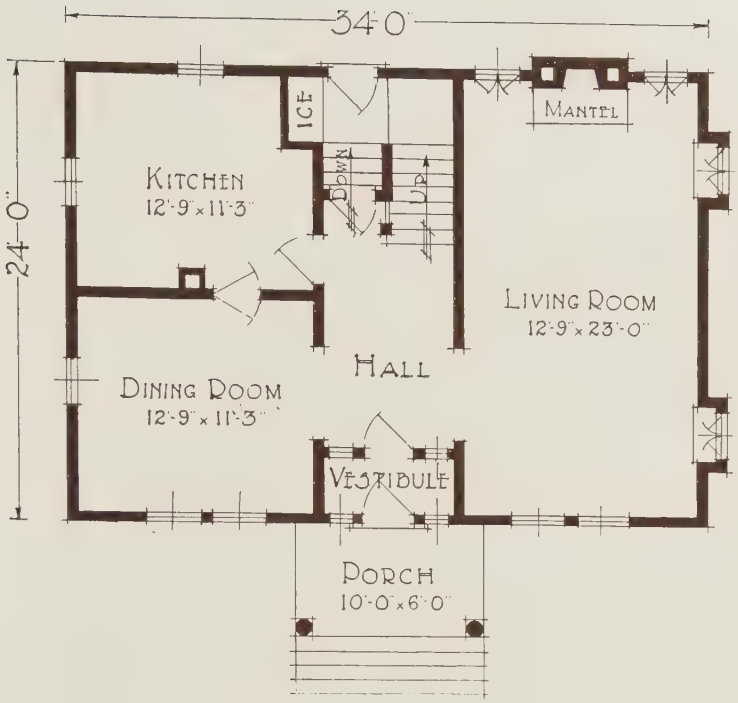


The CAMBRIDGE

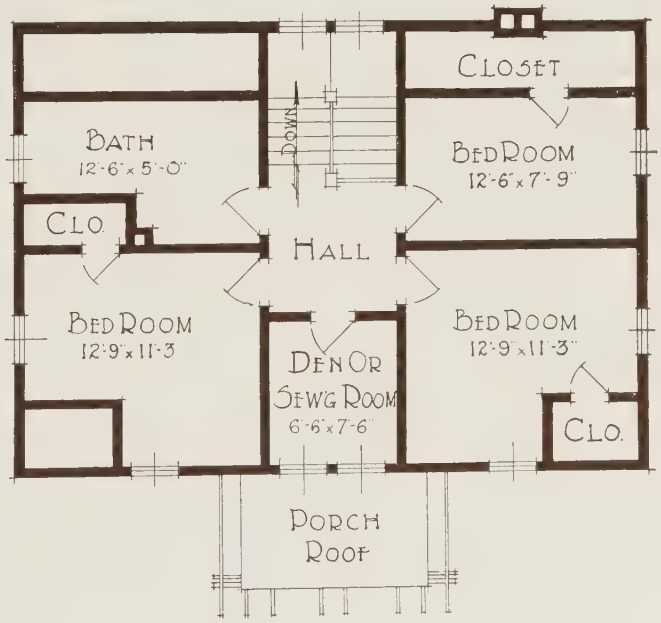
NO other style of architecture expresses quite so well the spirit of simple, comfortable hospitality as these delightful gambrel-roofed designs. And the old Knickerbockers built few homes more attractive than is this modern successor.

The doorway under the wide dormer is particularly distinctive, with its tiny paneled windows and pergola porch.

The entrance has all the stately air that one expects of this quaintly dignified little home. First there is a vestibule, then a wide hall with an open staircase.

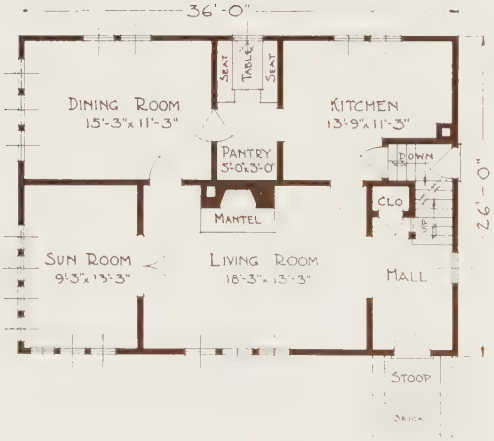


Two doors lead to dining room and kitchen at the left and at the right is a long, beautifully lighted living room with a fireplace between two little windows at the far end.



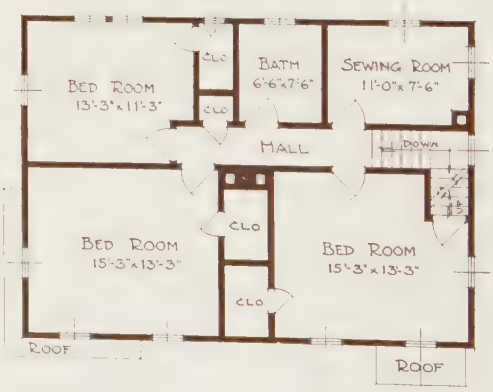
Upstairs are three pleasant bedrooms and a bath and a little room above the hall which may be used for den or sewing room or playroom for children.

The CLIFFORD



DIGNITY, strength and gracefulness are the fundamental characteristics of this modern American home. Being sensibly designed with just the right touch of ornament, it will appeal to all as an enduring and livable home.

Who could refrain from admiring such a splendid interior as this? Eight rooms, all of them being large and well proportioned and supplied with an abundance of windows. Notice how unusually large the two front bedrooms are.



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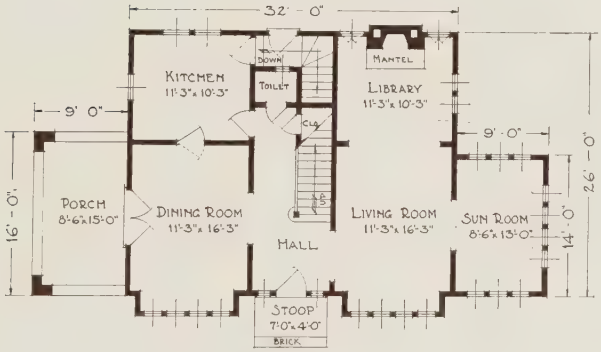
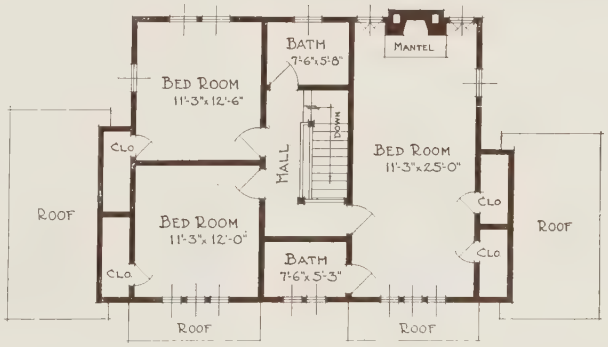


SUBSTANTIALLY beautiful, this English half-timbered design not only pleases at first glance, but critical examination will impress one with its many fine qualities. The lines are indeed graceful with its roofs sweeping down over the sun parlor on the one side and the open porch on the other.

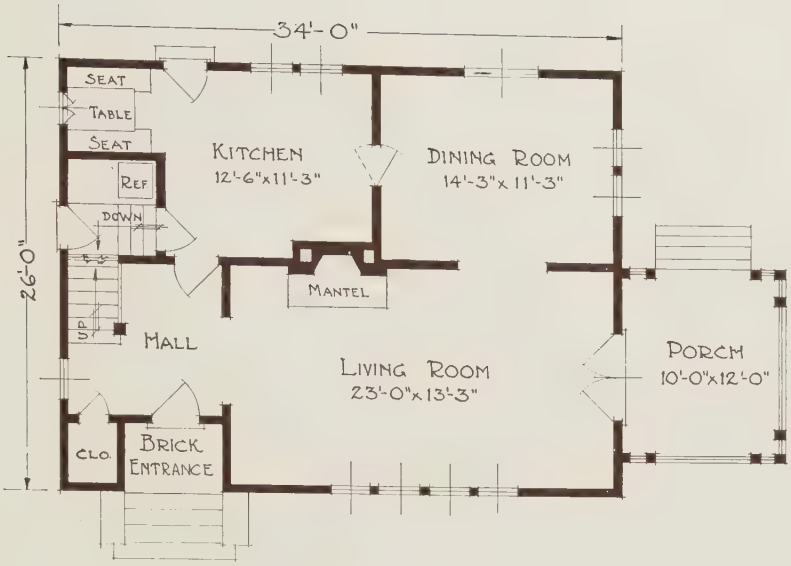
The first floor with the library and sunroom separated from the living room with the wide arches gives one the impression of bigness. The large bedroom on the second floor with the private bath is another feature of the Glenmere which is finding much favor in the most modern American homes.



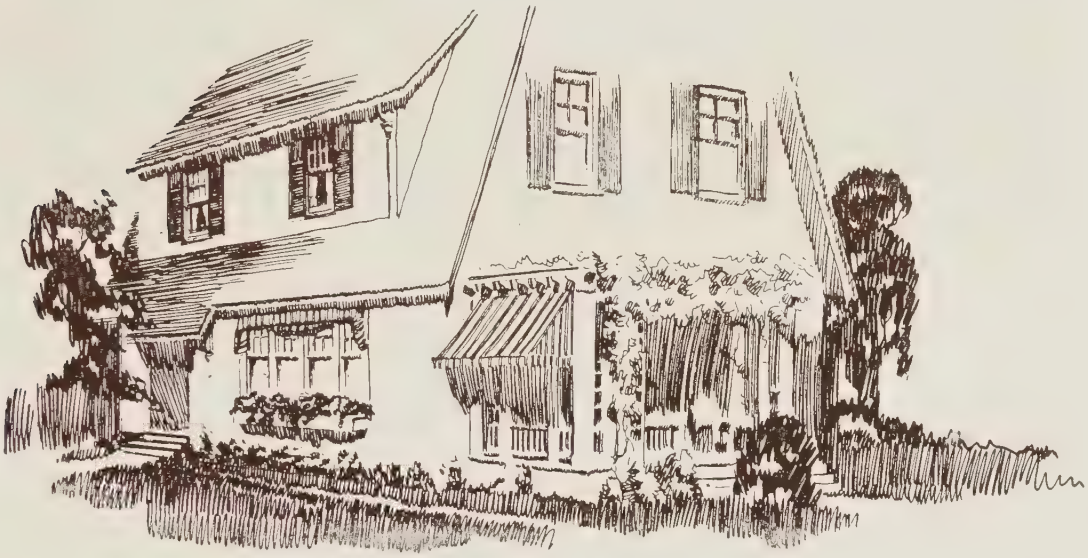
The VAN CORTLANDT

DUTCH colonial architecture at its best—gambrel roof, wide dormer, set-in doorway, squat chimney, many paned windows—that is the Van Cortlandt. Stucco has been used in this development of the design and the camera cannot catch the swift beauty of the glowing window boxes and awnings against this white background. The Van Cortlandt is one of the bright spots of an exclusive residential district.

This group of living room windows offers delightful possibilities in curtains and cushions. A little taste goes farther than much money.

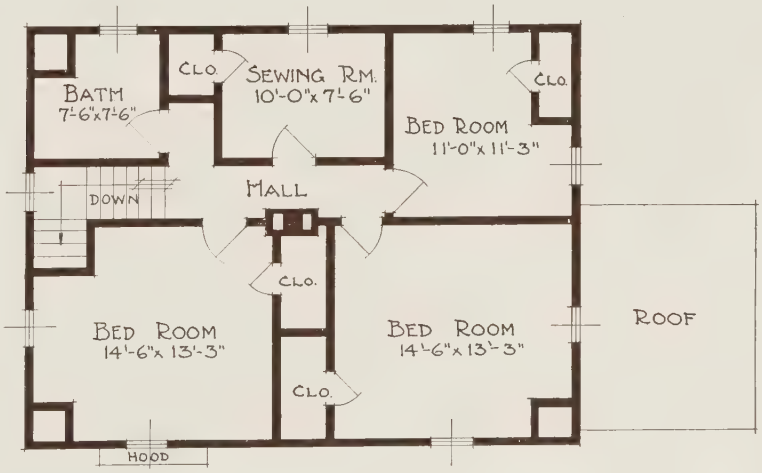


The hall with its open stairway and big coat closet has a cased opening into the long living room and a door to the kitchen. French doors open on a living porch nearly square. Adjoining the kitchen is a most handy breakfast nook.



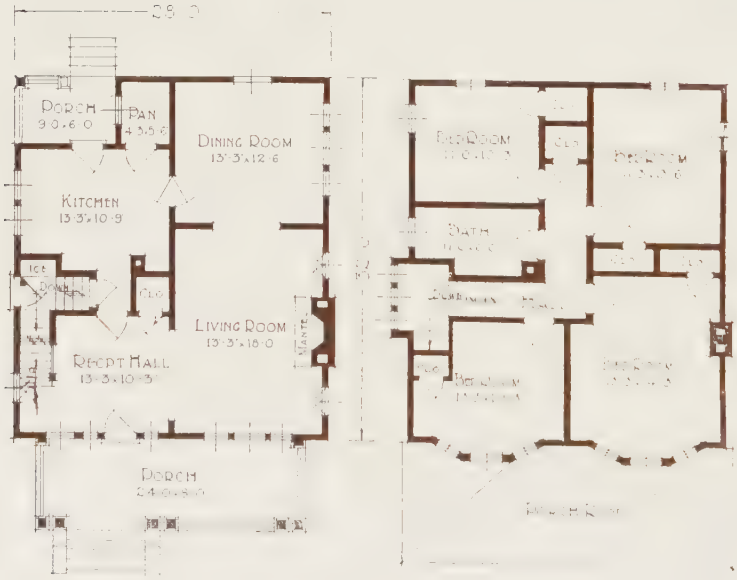
The second floor is most ingeniously divided into three bedrooms, a sewing room and a bath besides a central hall and abundance of closets.

The Van Cortlandt, we feel, is an achievement, both outside and in.



The LANCASTER

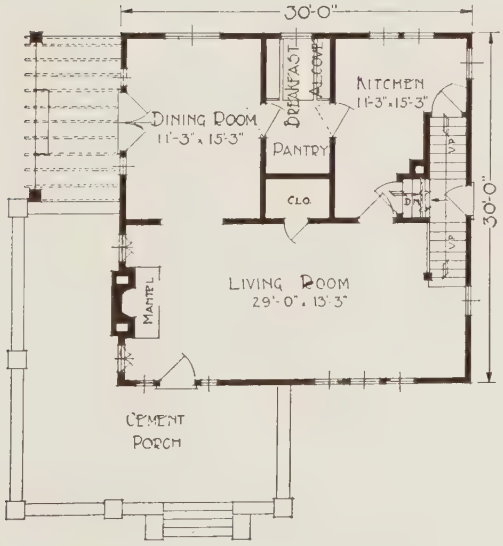
A BIG, airy home, attractively individual in exterior appearance. The floor plan has been enthusiastically approved by everyone who has ever built a Lancaster.

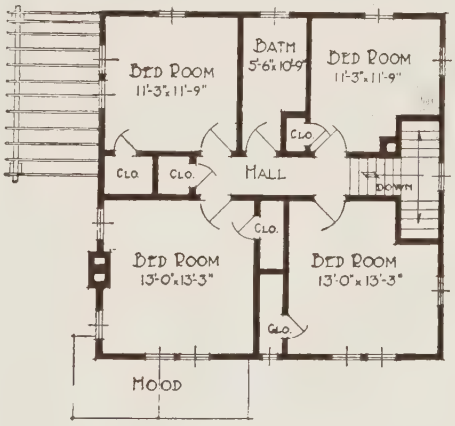


Mr. Wm. J. Birmingham of Pa., who has just recently completed the "Lancaster," writes: "The quality of the material you furnished with my 'Lancaster' home is the best I have ever seen used in any house in town."

The PIPING ROCK

STUCCO and the heavy craftsman trim help to make the Piping Rock a home admired by everyone who sees it. The interior is just as delightful. Notice how light and airy the bedrooms are and how conveniently the breakfast alcove is located adjoining the pantry.

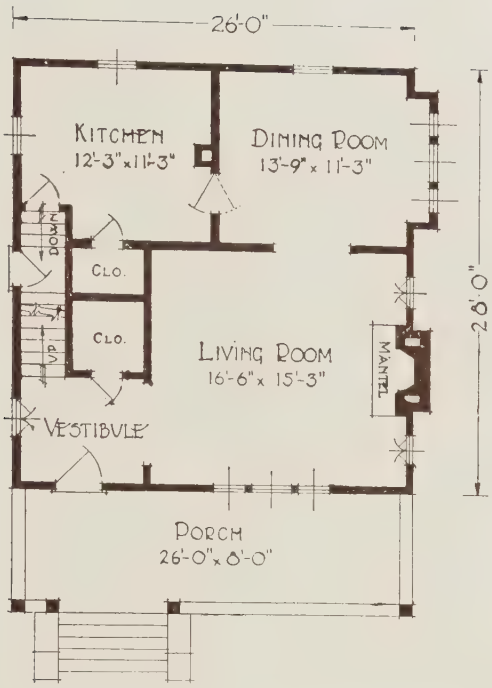




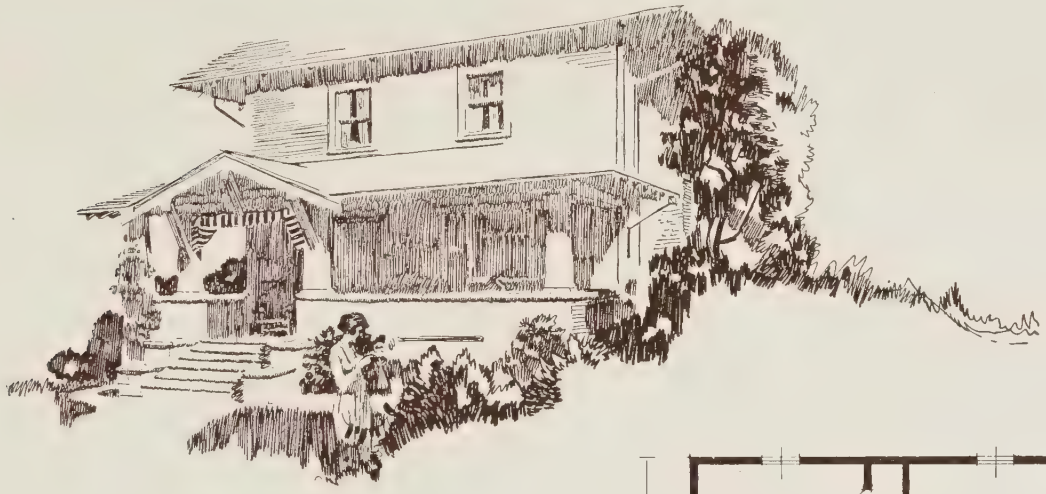
The REGAL

REMARKABLY graceful lines, compactness without stolidity, have been achieved in this design which is well adapted to the needs of a large family. Broad low steps with a charming hood above to match the dormer lead to a wide, comfortable porch.

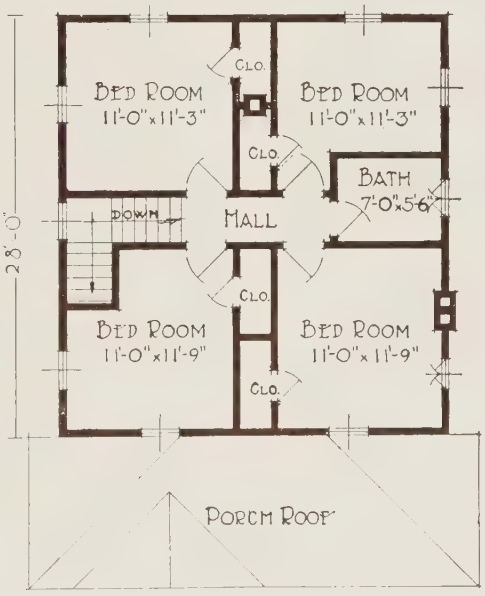
One view of the living room of the Regal, showing the pleasant vista through the cased opening into the sunny dining room.



Another treatment of a corner of the living room, as seen from the vestibule. The little windows beside the fireplace afford excellent nooks below for books or fireside seats.



It takes very little landscape gardening to provide a beautiful setting for a house as intrinsically interesting as the Regal.

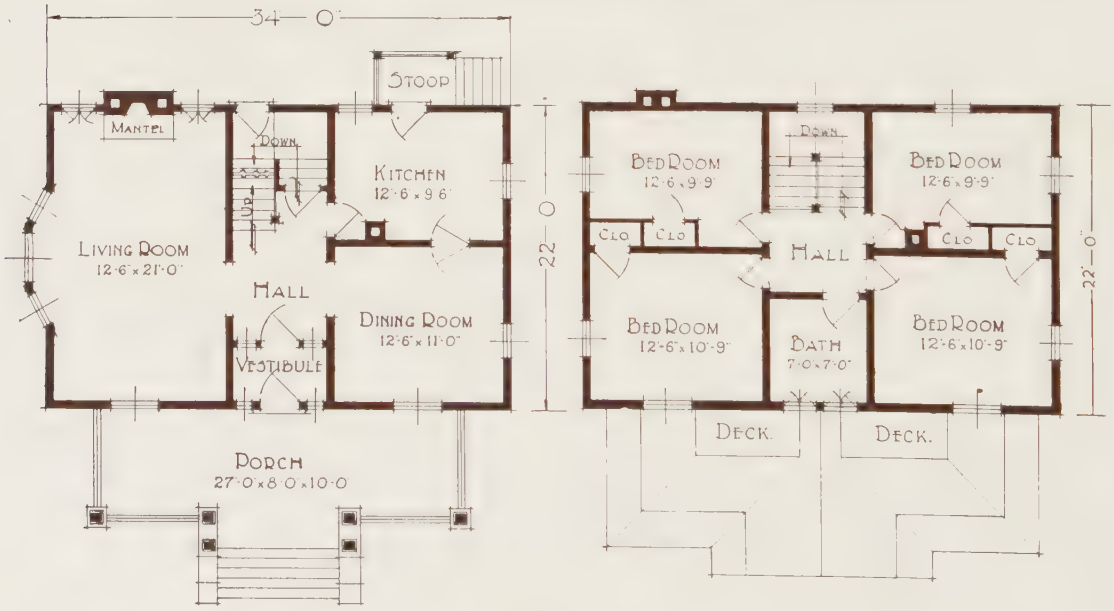


The staircase ascends from the vestibule and the grade entrance is beneath at the side. Observe the two large closets, and that the kitchen is large and well lighted.

Upstairs are four bedrooms, all with closets, a bath, and central hall. There is plenty of room, light and air. The Regal is manufactured in two sizes, 24x26′ and 26x28′.

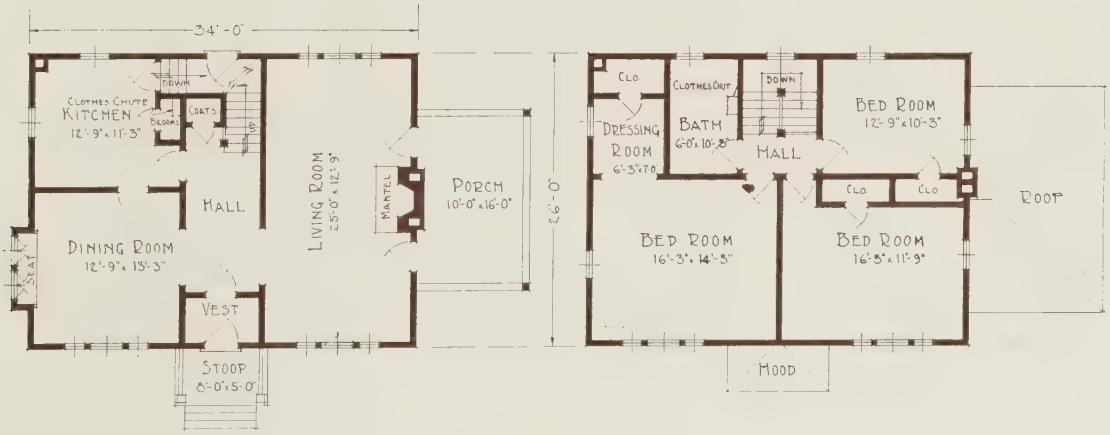
The MALVERN

BECAUSE of its compactness and comparative simplicity, the Malvern represents no great outlay, although it provides a comfortable interior and is properly proportioned and decorative in its general exterior lines. It offers an ideal arrangement for a good sized family and its owner is sure to find it delightfully livable.



The FRANKLIN

SO many good features are prominent in the "Franklin," space here would not permit the comment they deserve. The huge living room and pleasant bedrooms with the abundance of closet space are some of the things you will like. And yet the "Franklin" is a very economical home to build.



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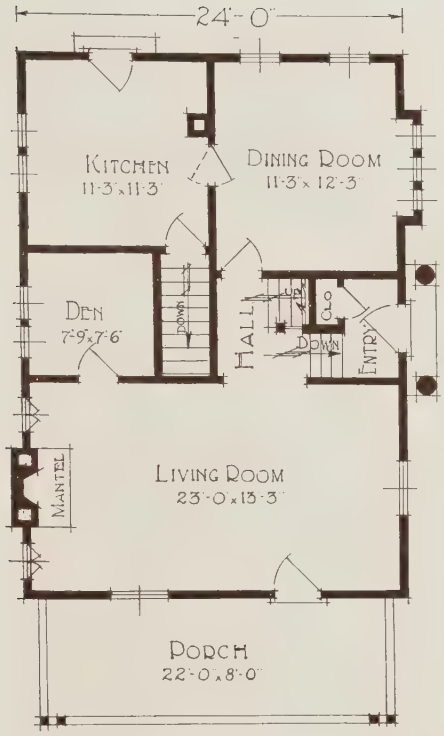
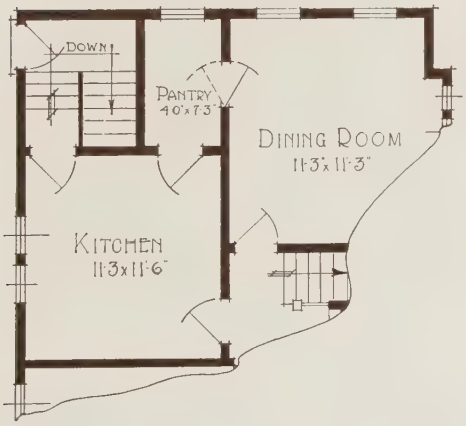


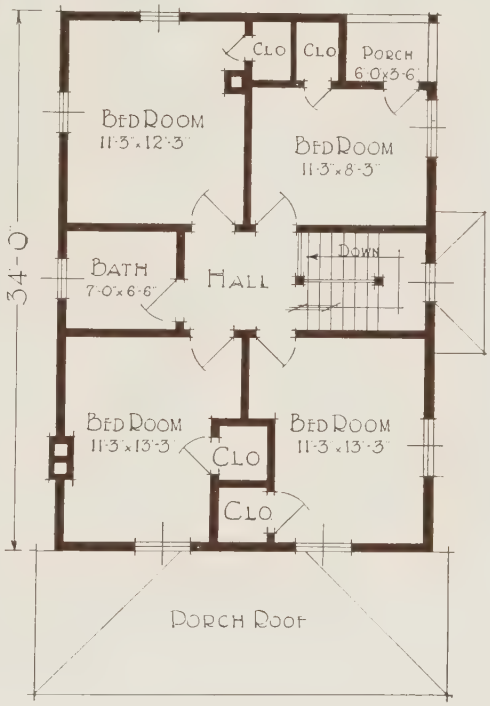
The IRVINGTON

Colonial in Spirit and Modern in Convenience

SIMPLICITY of exterior almost classic, coupled with splendid floor plans, have made the Irvington one of the best liked houses our architects have ever planned. It is roomy and yet not a particle of space is wasted. Notice how the side entrance allows the big porch to take on the character of an outdoor living room.

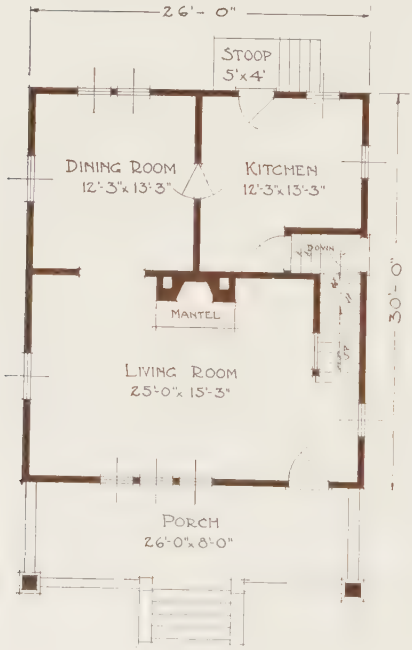
Four bedrooms, all provided with closets, and a well placed bath comprise an excellent second floor plan. The airing porch is a very desirable feature. Below is an optional arrangement for the first floor, omitting the den, and providing a pantry and grade entrance.

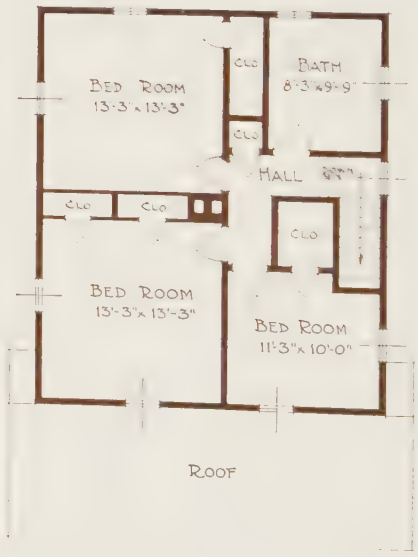




The NORWALK

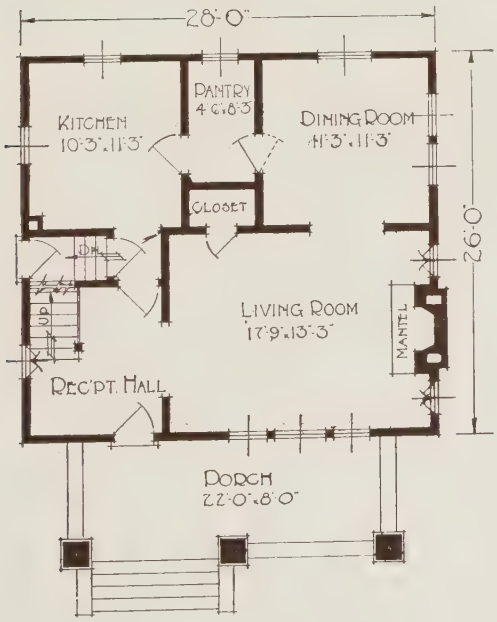
WHO could resist the inviting hospitality of a home like this? The most unusual porch is responsible for much of the Norwalk's charm. Every detail in the Norwalk is as perfect as art and forethought can make it.

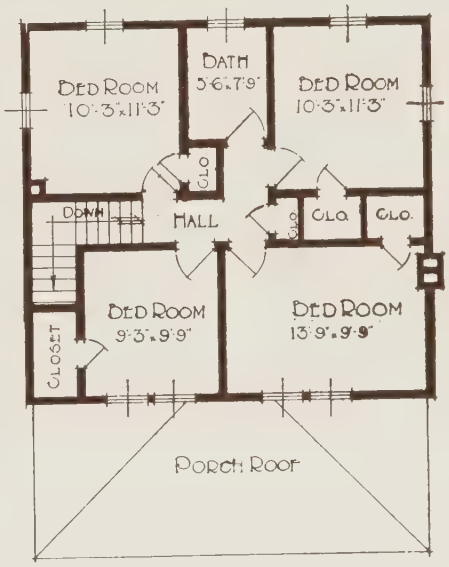




The PORTLAND

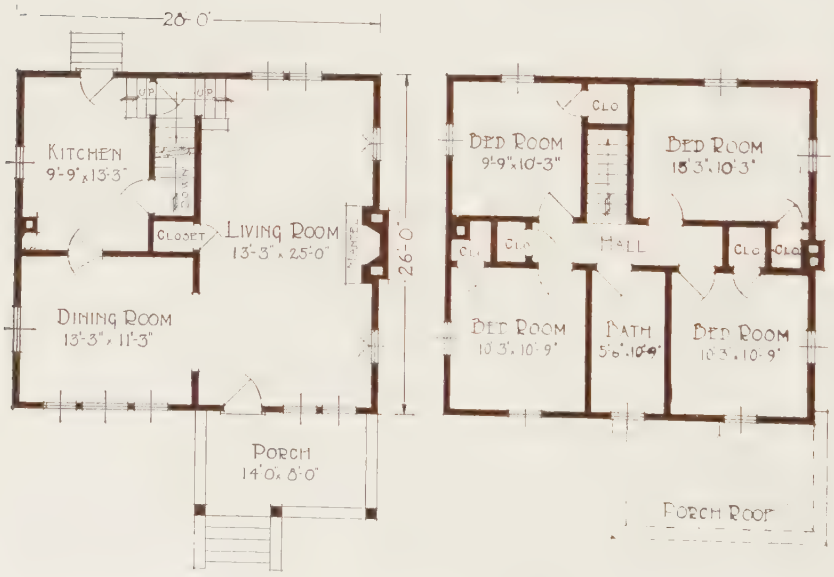
THE Portland is widely popular for its comfortable, substantial appearance and the many excellent features of its floor plans. Most of these you will see at a glance—the well proportioned living room, grade entrance at side, pantry, abundance of closet space, plenty of windows, broad and hospitable porch.





The CORONADO

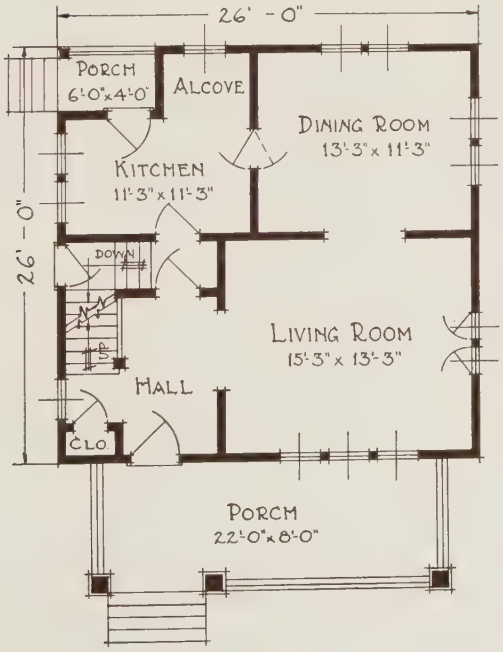
THE overhanging roof with its slight curve, the scrolled rafter ends and the inviting porch of the Coronado are reasons for its popularity among our customers. Others are the long, pleasant living room, the convenient kitchen, and the excellent arrangement of the bedrooms. A 24x24 size is offered.

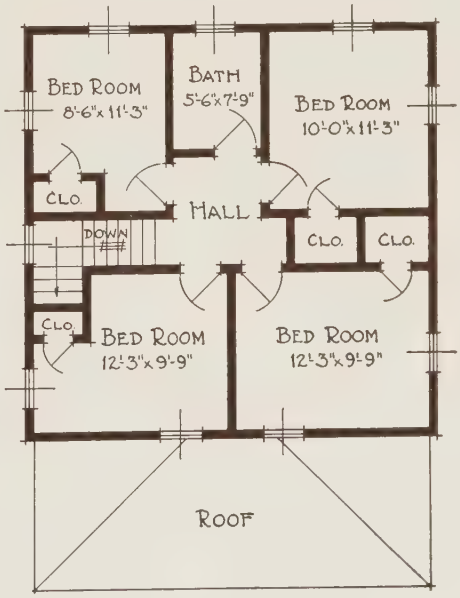


The striking feature of the Coronado is found in its adaptability to the tastes of those desiring conservatism yet a maximum of space, light and accessibility.

The WARREN

AN EXCEPTIONALLY fine example of the two-story, square type which will strongly appeal to those wanting a home of abundant comfort. Devoid of any unnecessary and expensive "gingerbread," this well-built home reflects permanency and good taste.

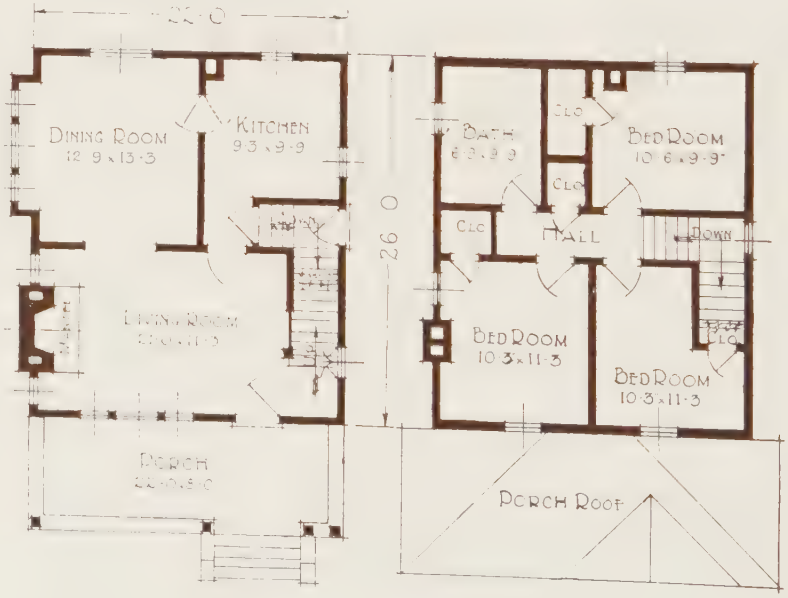




The LAURELHURST

COMPACT, commodious, comprehensive—clearly describes this attractive two-story home. Planned in two sizes, the larger size, 24x30, provides for five bedrooms, one being conveniently located on the first floor. The plan of the larger size will be mailed on request.

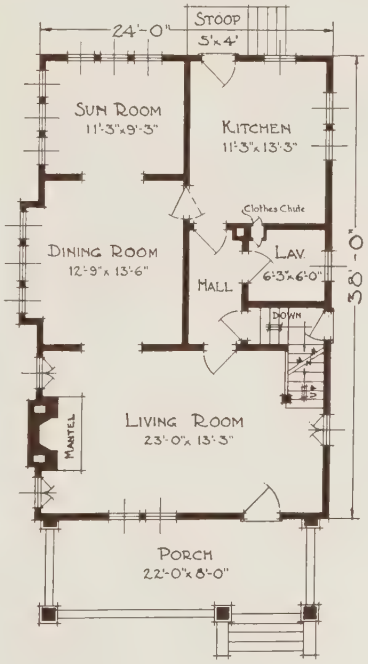
James W. Childs, of New York, writes: "Everything was O. K., and I consider that I made a saving of at least $500.00. It is a pleasure to recommend Lewis Homes to my friends who are going to build."

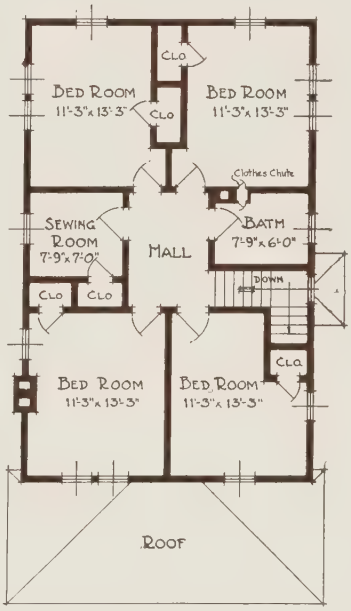


The HAMILTON

THERE is truly an American atmosphere about this straightforward, dignified, conservative, nine-room home. Aside from its many practical features, it is a beautiful design showing fine simplicity in the perfectly balanced exterior.

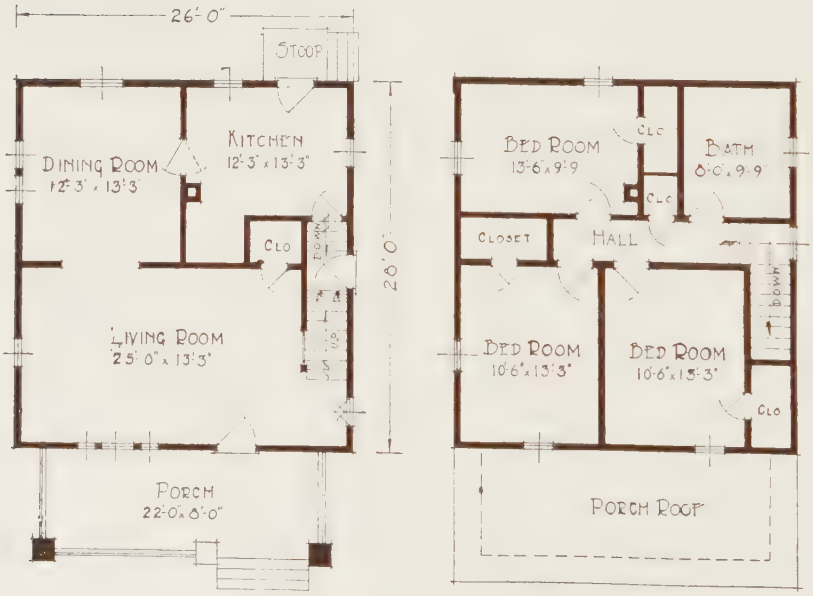
Notice how splendidly the interior is planned, not one bit of space being wasted. The longer you study this delightful home, the more you will become impressed with it.





The KENDLETON

A PLEASANT and substantial home which we supply in two sizes, the smaller, 24x24′, having the same arrangement of rooms as the 26x28′ size. The abundance of closet room is a commendable feature.

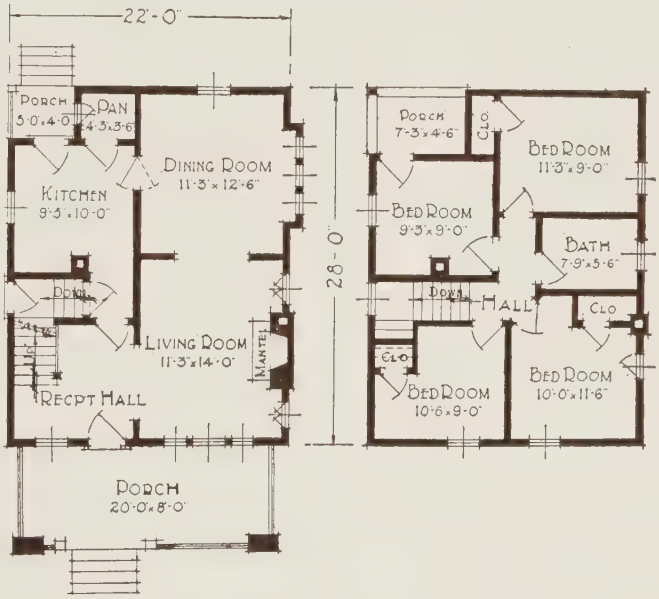


"In regard to my 'Kendleton' purchased from you about a year ago, will say that the house has been perfectly satisfactory and I have saved several hundred dollars on the purchase."—Mr. C. C. Steele, Ohio.

The MARENGO

WITH its pleasant living room, four bedrooms, and abundance of porches, the Marengo is an ideal home for a good sized family. Its appearance gives an impression of stability and hospitality, too.

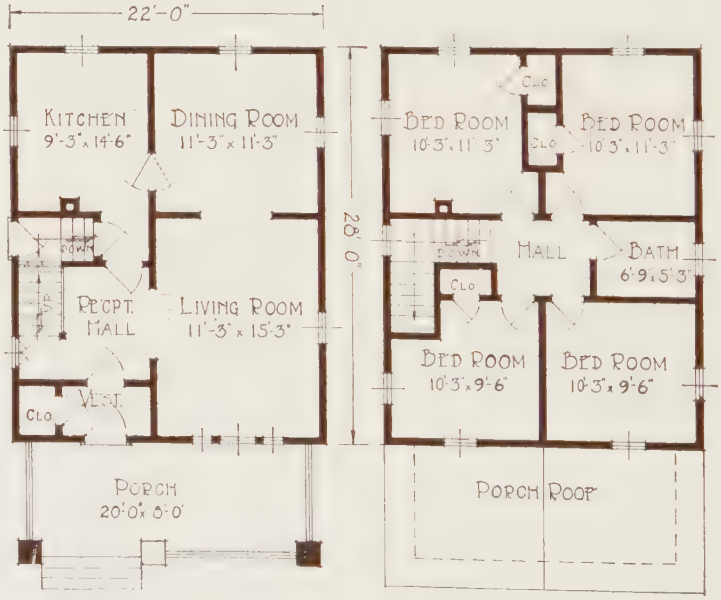
The convenient passage between reception hall and kitchen, with steps leading to the grade entrance at the side, is a practical feature in the Marengo. You are also sure to like the handy little pantry and rear porch.



The WAVERLY

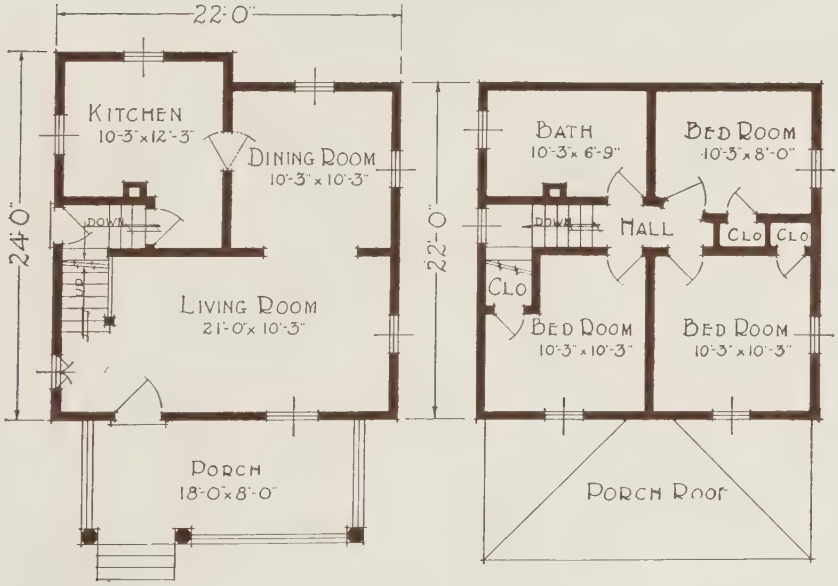
THE Waverly is a well liked and practical design. It is made in two sizes, 22x26′ and 22x28′. The smaller plan provides for three bedrooms and a bath on second floor, with four large closets.

Mr. W. R. Comings, Ohio, a large builder of homes, writes: "The material and character of the work on the four Lewis Homes I am just finishing off excite very favorable comment. I am well pleased and would certainly recommend Lewis Homes to others who plan to build."



The PRINCETON

A WELL planned two-story house that still has the charm of the semi-bungalow. Excellent proportions have been maintained from the roomy porch to the extension for the kitchen at the rear. Siding and shingles on the side walls have been successfully combined and lend many pleasing combinations for finishing the exterior.

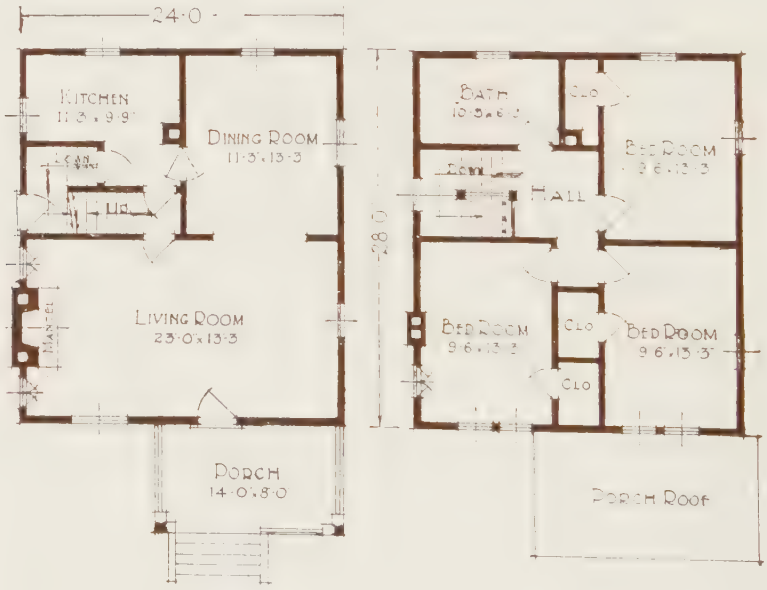


The Princeton is also made larger by bringing the rear wall out even with the kitchen. The arrangement of both floors in either the large or small plan is very convenient.

The ORLANDO

PLENTY of windows and consequently plenty of light and air and cheerful sunshine, is a characteristic of the Orlando. The front porch is good sized but still does not shut light out of the living room.

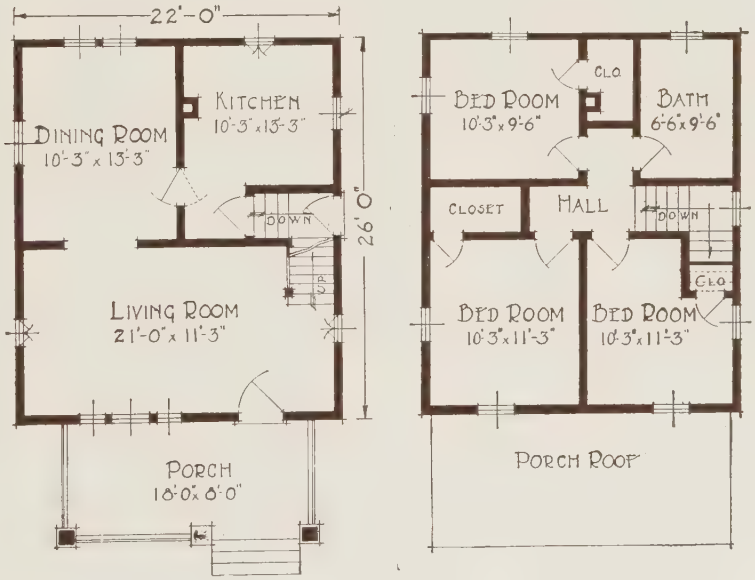
The passageway between kitchen and living room from which the stairs ascend is a good feature of this design. The bedrooms are all well lighted and provided with closets.



The ROSEMONT

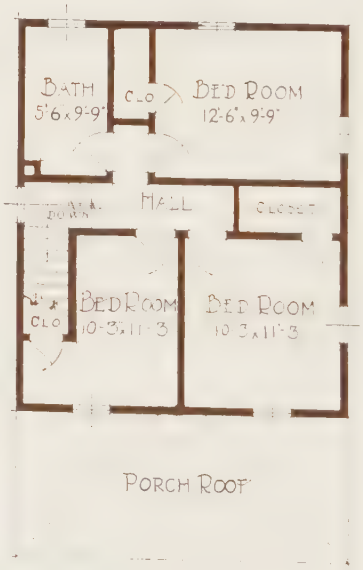
THE good looking dormer and porch of the same lines make this square house as pleasing from the exterior as it is well planned on the interior. Siding below with shingles above adds much to the appearance, and is most appropriate to this style of house.

It is distinctly a two-story house, commodious and compact. The bedrooms are all provided with spacious closets and the bath is exceptionally well located off of the hall just at the head of the stairs. A smaller size, 22x22 feet, is also offered.



The REVERE

INTERESTING color effects may be obtained with the contrasting shingles and siding of this well planned house. The accessibility of the kitchen from the well lighted living and dining rooms is worth notice.

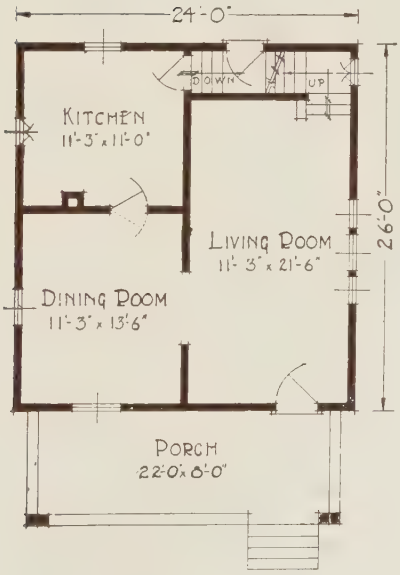


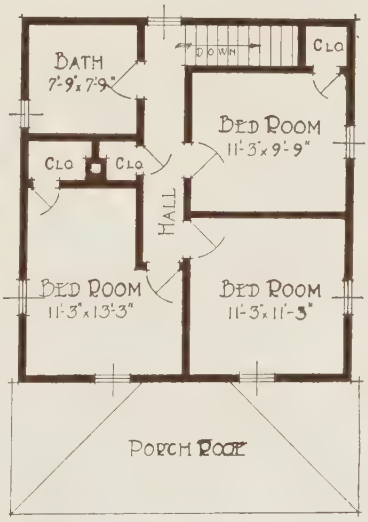
Saved $300 to $500

"The materials were better than I expected and besides I made a saving of about $300 to $500 by building a Lewis Home."
—R. B. Pierpont, Conn.

The NEW SHERIDAN

A LONG living room at the side is favored by many people, and that is what we offer in this attractive square house. A smaller size of the New Sheridan, 22x24, with the same arrangement is offered.



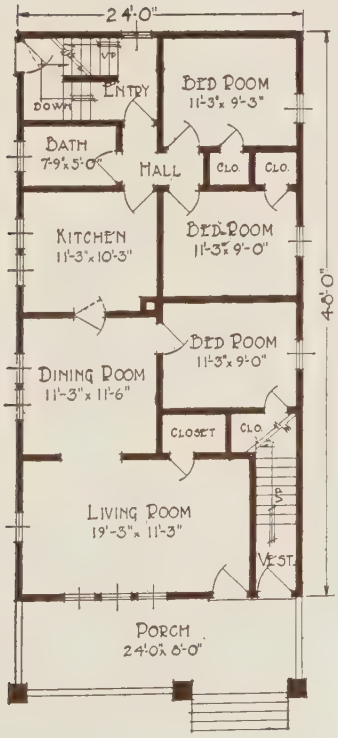


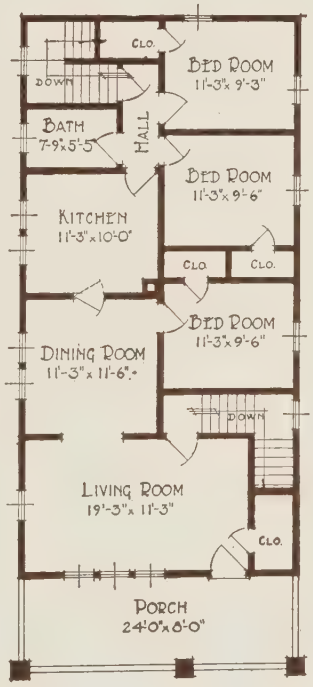
"I am well pleased with my 'New Sheridan.' Materials were all good and enough of everything. I saved at least $500 and would not consider building any other way."
Herman Guether, Ky.

The RALEIGH

A TWO-FAMILY apartment like the Raleigh will pay for itself and continue to bring in returns long afterwards. Always easy to rent, for the floor plans are excellent, with their separate entrances, porches, secluded bedrooms, and abundance of windows. Notice the number of closets, unusual in apartments, and the handy little pantry.

The ROCHELLE





A LARGE porch for each apartment makes this house especially desirable. Plenty of bedrooms and closets certainly appeal to tenants. Notice the convenient bathroom and enclosed rear stairs.

"Was very much satisfied with the materials and service. The saving that I made was at least $1,000.00."—F. Rogers, Long Island, N. Y.

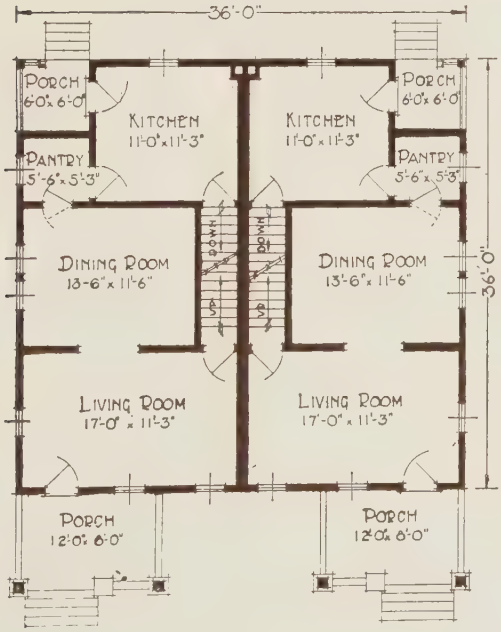
The GOULD

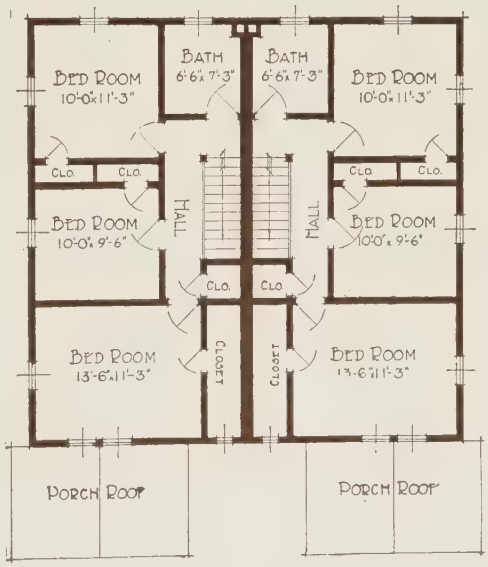
A Most Desirable Two-Family Home

IN THE Gould, you will find a two-family design which will make a fine investment. It can be built on a lot as narrow as 30 feet. Each family has two splendid bedrooms with the handy closets, and then there is the breakfast nook, which is nowadays so much in demand.

The HARRISON

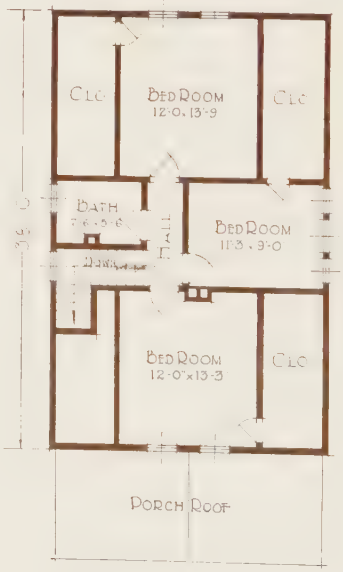
A DOUBLE house with the advantages of two singles ones. Separate entrances insure privacy, and the floor plan, identical for each apartment, is most convenient. The pantry, rear porch and abundance of closets are attractive features.





The YOSEMITE

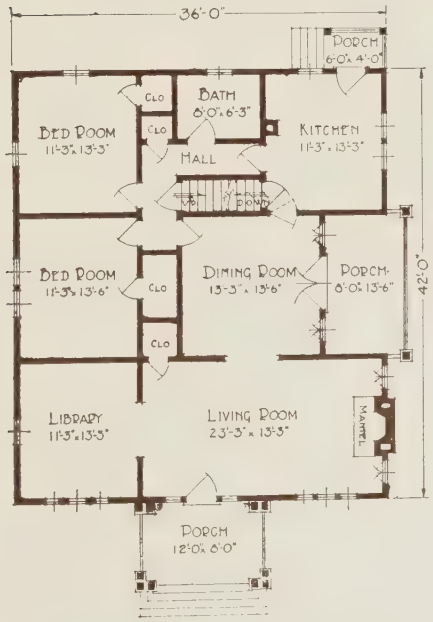
A LARGE, massive, substantial effect may be gained by architectural design, as well as by real size. The Yosemite, though not a large home, gives the impression of one, due to the carefully worked out details of the exterior decoration, the broad eaves, heavy columns and unusual windows.

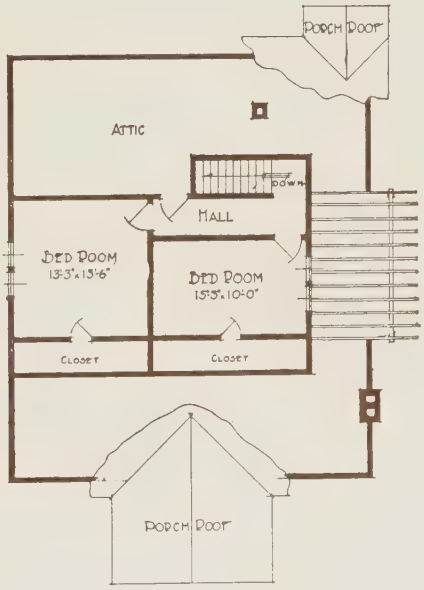


To be the owner of a home like the Yosemite gives one a justified self-respect and community pride, for he has added much to the attractiveness of the community.

The AVALON

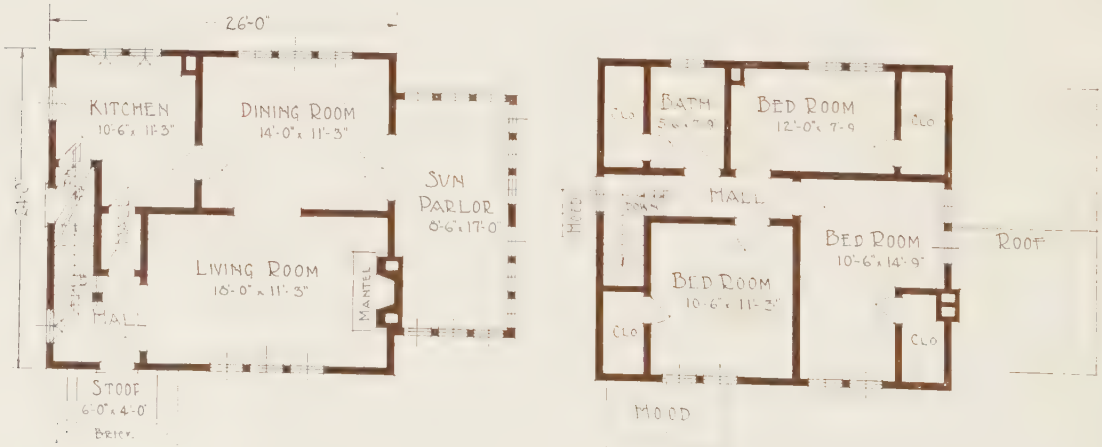
CAPTIVATING the fancy of everyone who sees it, the Avalon is a constant joy to the family fortunate enough to call it home. The floor plan is equally well liked, with four large bedrooms and attic space besides. And the stairs are so handy, from any part of the house.





The ELWOOD

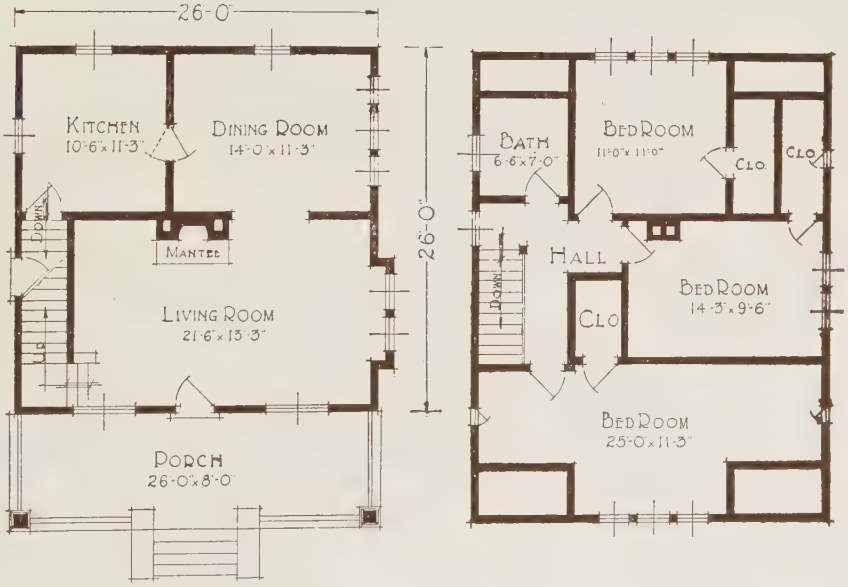
FOR a city or suburban home this semi-bungalow is ideally designed. The unusual amount of room it contains is a constant source of surprise. Both the exterior and interior are impressive. Not only do the dormers on the front and rear add to the general appearance, but they allow for full height ceilings on the second floor.



The PASADENA

ONE of the best liked designs our architects have ever produced. Study the picture and floor plan and you will see why. The fact that it is a semi-bungalow with practically all ceilings upstairs full height, is one reason.

Ed. H. Shultz, who has just finished building his "Pasadena," writes that he saved over $750 and besides was able to build his home out of the finest materials. He expresses the sentiment of thousands of Lewis Home owners when he says, "Any shipment you make or may make is on my recommendation."



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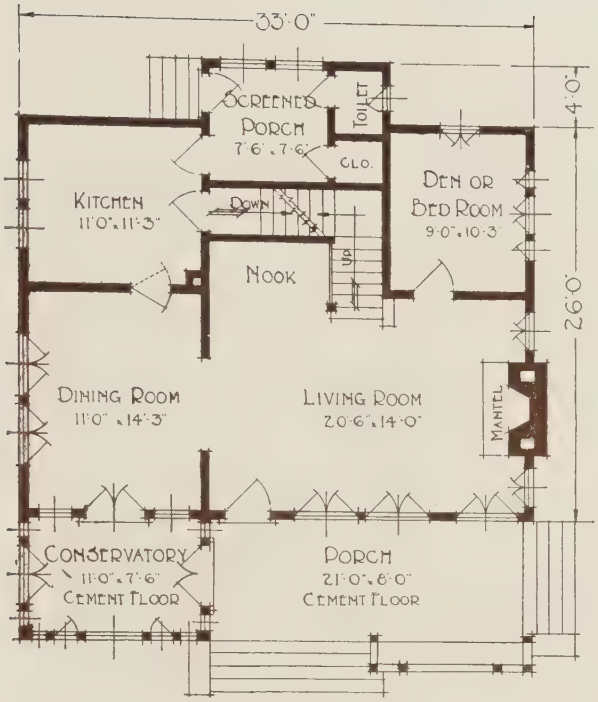
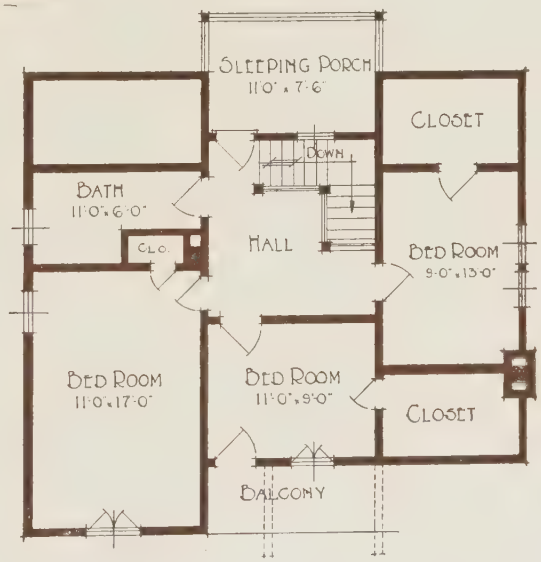


Delightful Adaptation of Swiss Architecture

THE Swiss chalet has been much admired and copied by wealthy home builders in this country, but few architects have succeeded in securing so pleasing an adaptation as the Geneva. All the characteristically Swiss details beautify it, but it is still most convenient for an American family and very reasonable in price.

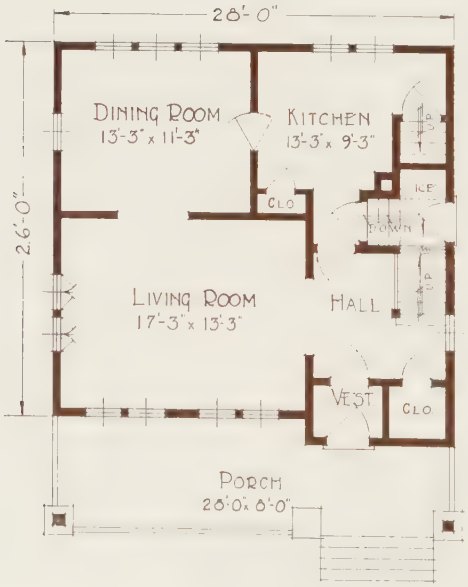
It's a joy to contemplate living in a home arranged like the Geneva. Think of the possibilities of the living room with its fireplace, nook, and many windows.

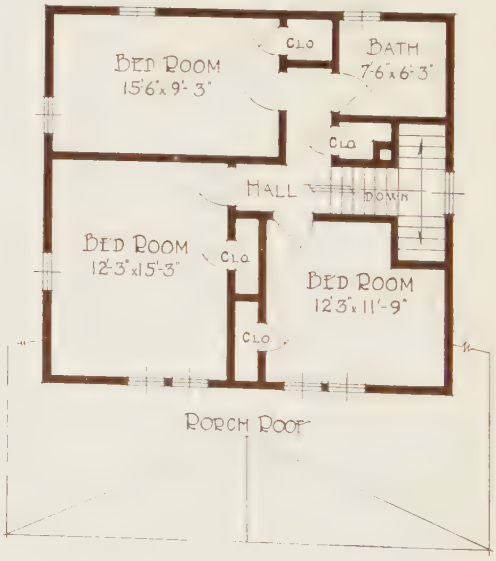
And then there's the conservatory and the screened porch with sleeping porch overhead and the den and the five big bedrooms. Altogether it's the loveliest, quaintest house imaginable.



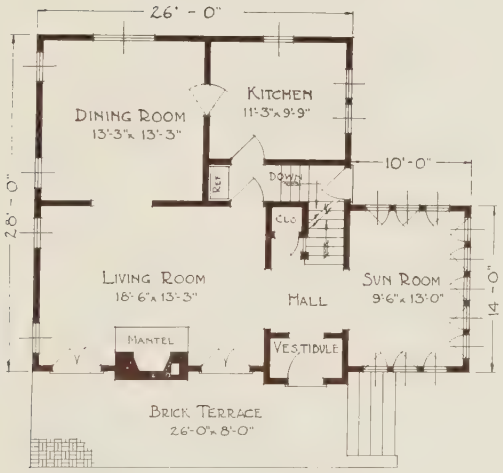
The KENWOOD

THE Kenwood is in a class by itself. Just enough exterior decoration to attract and set it apart from ordinary surroundings. Semi-bungalow in style, it has all the features of beauty, comfort and economy.



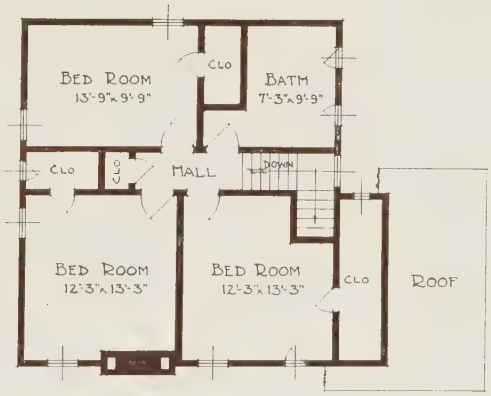


The ARDMORE



THE lasting satisfaction one derives from a home depends largely on its exterior attractiveness, and from that standpoint, too, the Ardmore is sure to win admiration. The design of the front, the long, sweeping roof, the effect of the big chimney, all add to its individual charm.

Three bedrooms are provided on the second floor and all have fine big closets. The first floor, with the splendid sun room, is especially cheerful. You will find the Ardmore to be a most charming home.

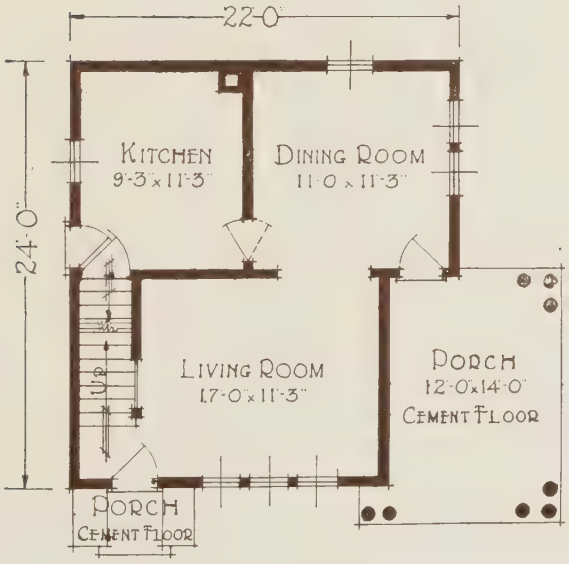


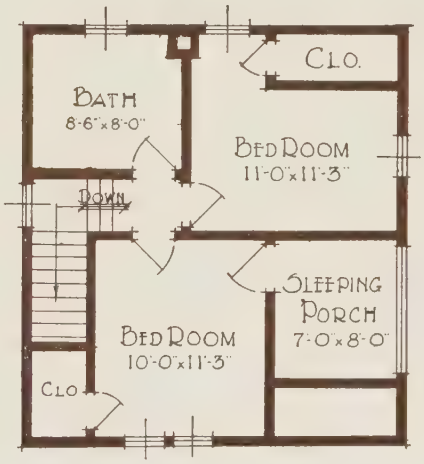
The NAVARRE

AT a glance you can see that the Navarre is remarkably well designed and will have distinction of its own on any street. And the floor plan with its four bedrooms is just as satisfactory.

The MONTAWK

A CHARMING little house that is always coveted by the passerby. The pergola porch with sleeping porch above and the convenient floor plans make for complete comfort. A larger size, 24x26′, with the same arrangement of rooms, is also offered.



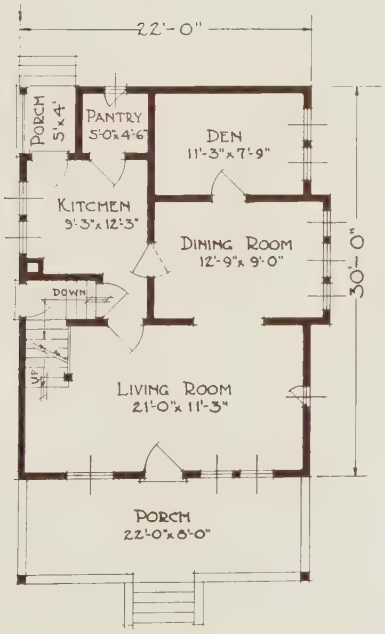


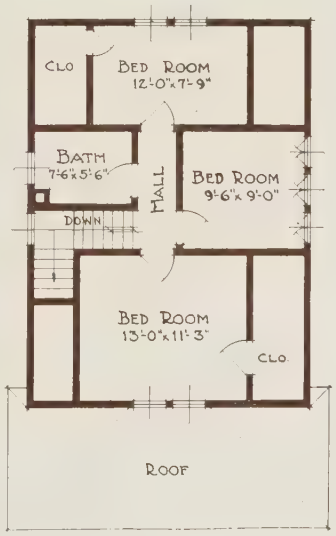
The ALPINE

A delightful adaptation of Swiss characteristics. The Alpine is truly "a thing of beauty" and a joy to the beholder. There is an atmosphere of romance which makes it unusually attractive to newlyweds.

The MOORLAND

THE clean lines of the Moorland make it most attractive to the eye. And the floor plans are excellent—notice the splendid den and well-placed pantry. The three bedrooms enjoy plenty of light and air.





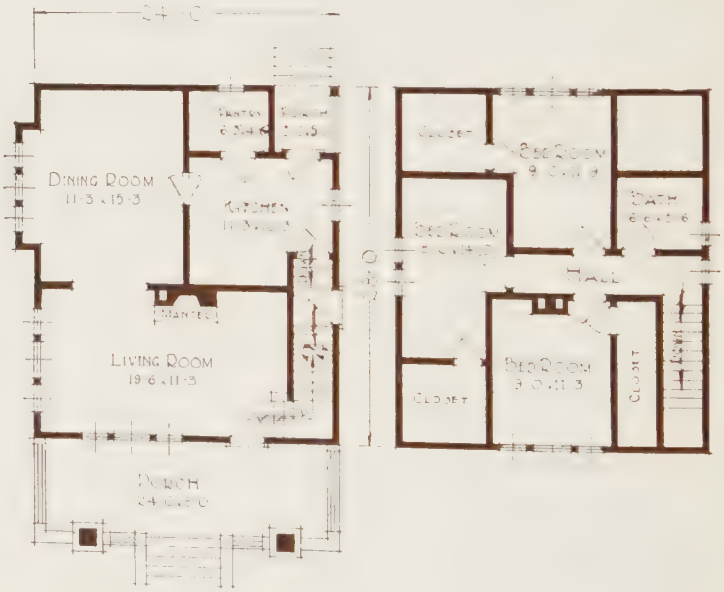
Cosy, Well Arranged Rooms

"Everybody likes our 'Moorland' because of its cosy, well arranged rooms. I have not seen a house to come up to it at the price. You may always use my name as reference."—Wm. Kruger, Michigan.

The VALLEJO

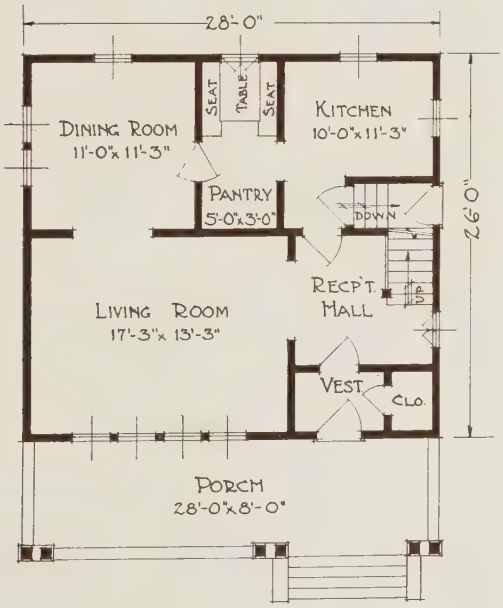
THE massive structure, and low, wide eaves of the Vallejo are distinctive among much costlier homes. Many windows, a fireplace, and semi-open stairs give it a particularly delightful living room.

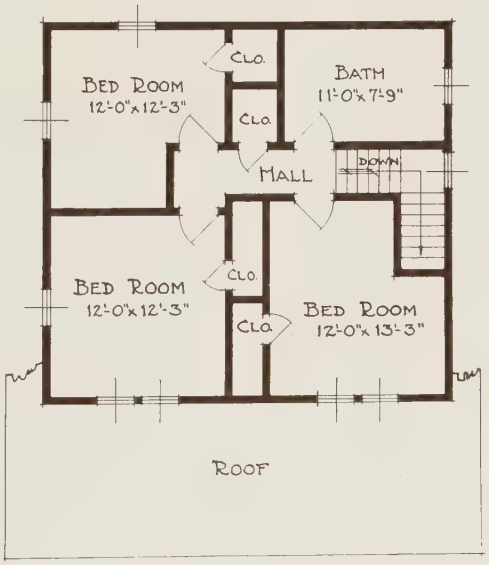
Mr. Chas. Dozsee of Ohio, owner of the "Vallejo," says: "I made a saving of at least $500.00 by building a Lewis Home. The materials and everything connected with my dealings with you were very satisfactory."



The OAKWOOD

FAMILIES who like plenty of "places to put things" will find the Oakwood a most desirable home. Notice the nice closet off of the vestibule and the many fine big closets upstairs. The breakfast nook and pantry adjoining the kitchen are features not often found in moderately priced homes.

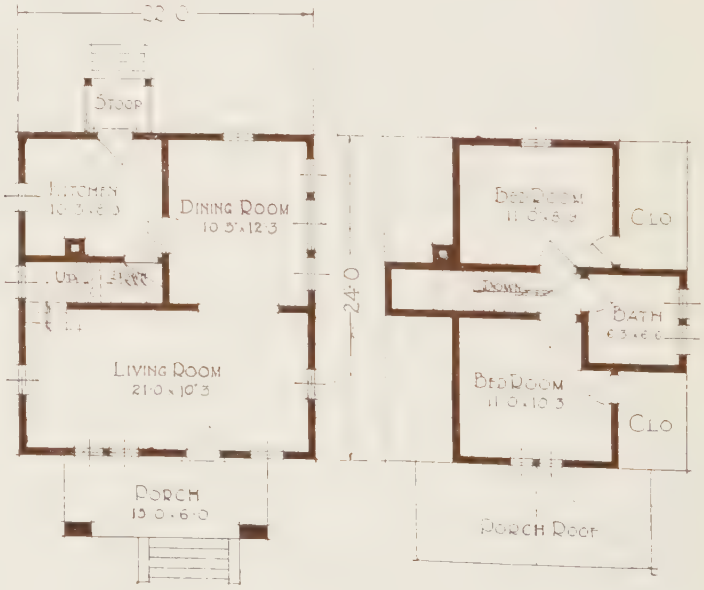




The LA VETA

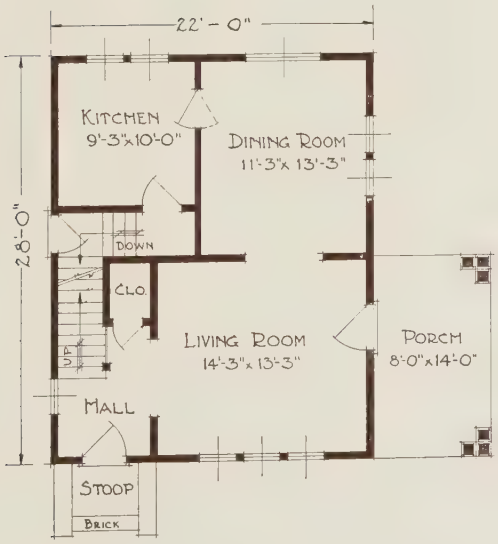
THE unusual porch and roof brackets make this a remarkably attractive little home. The rooms are well proportioned; the living room especially, with its many windows, is most inviting, and there is an abundance of closet room.

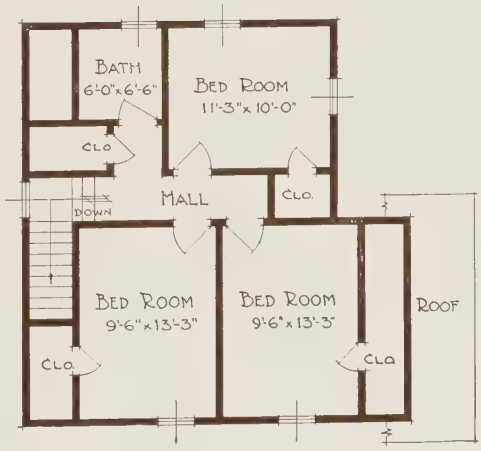
The "La Veta" looks so well from both front and side that it is particularly well suited to location on a corner lot. It can easily be erected on a lot with a frontage of only 35 feet.



The BROOKLIN

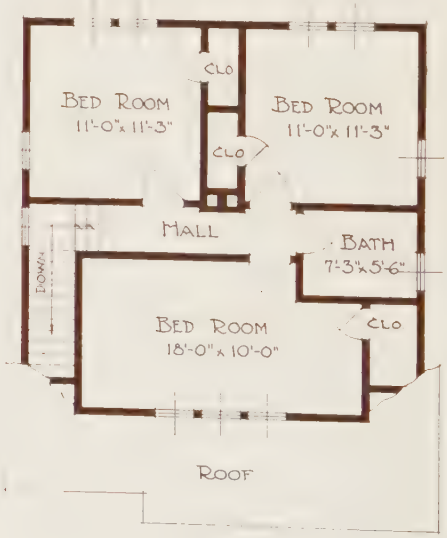
IN recent years there has been a strong tendency in favor of the English design. The Brooklin is a splendid example of this type. It is a very economical home to build and, while it would be a credit to any site, it is particularly well suited to a small lot.





The SHERMAN

BEAUTIFUL and simple in its exterior, the Sherman reflects solid comfort and good taste. Notice how large the rooms are and how well the bedrooms are supplied with windows. One of the unusual features is the curved arch which separates the reception hall from the living room.



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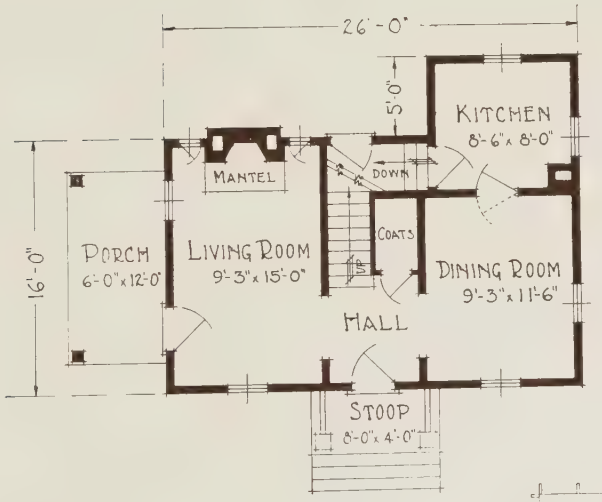
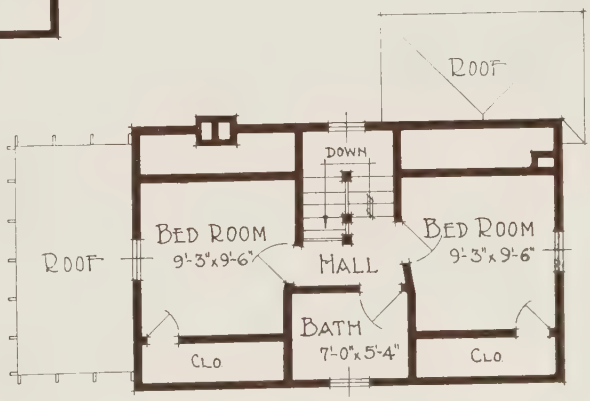


THE "Monticello" is a Modern Dutch Colonial Home that will appeal especially to those who are seeking maximum beauty and convenience at a minimum expense.



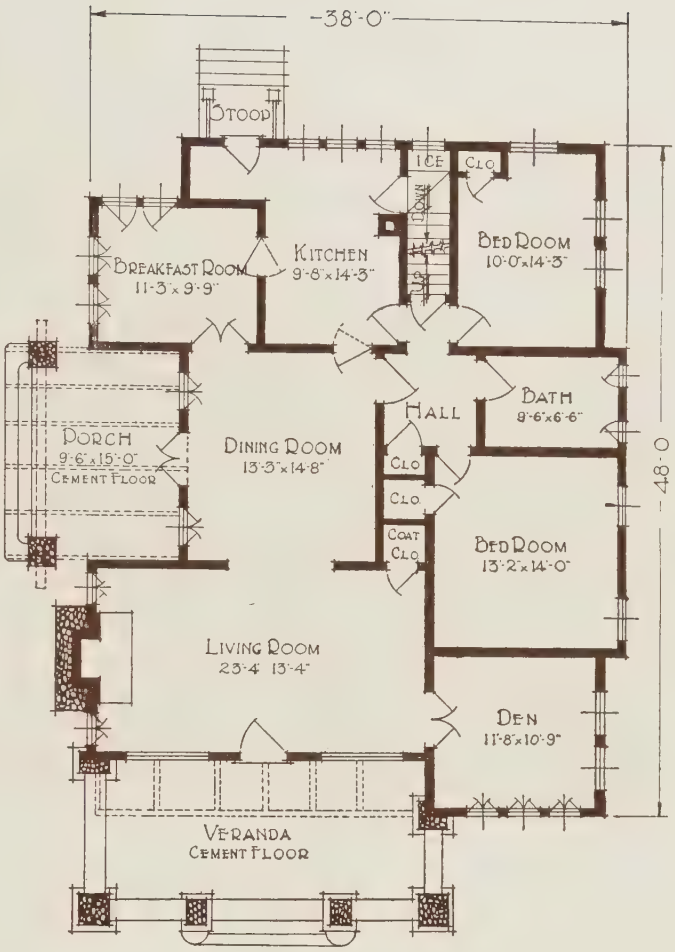
Characteristic of all Colonial types of homes, this one offers unusual possibilities for effective lawn surroundings.

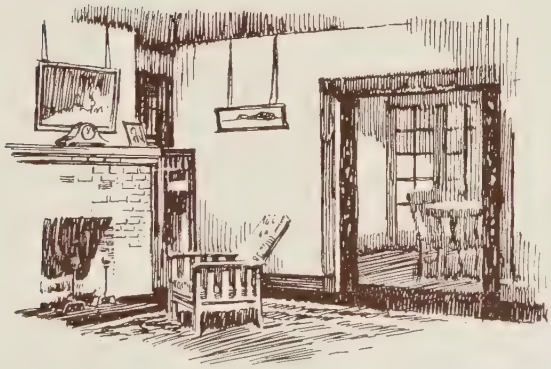
The LAVITELLO

The pergola is cozily set-in between two wings, offering a place of retirement for quietness and rest.

THIS very handsome and distinctive California type of bungalow is winning a place of high regard in the minds of eastern people. The La Vitello is not only beautiful on the exterior but easily lends itself to combinations of grace and comfort on inside furnishing and decoration because of its particularly fine adaption to combination effects.

As one approaches the La Vitello the very striking arrangement of the veranda is appealing and interesting in its construction. The roof is overhanging without pillars or columns to obstruct the view. The flooring is cement studded by rough stone work. The stone fireplace adds a finishing touch, being on the extreme end. The living room is large, well lighted and opens into a pleasant dining room and a cozy den. The large casement windows overlooking veranda offer a pleasant, wide sweeping front view from dining room. The breakfast room opens from kitchen and dining room and a hall connects the two bedrooms with bath and dining room.





A peek from the living room into the dining room and breakfast room beyond. There is real atmosphere and home comfort here.

"What is home without a breakfast room?" Modern convenience has made this little nook almost a necessity.

The HOLLYWOOD

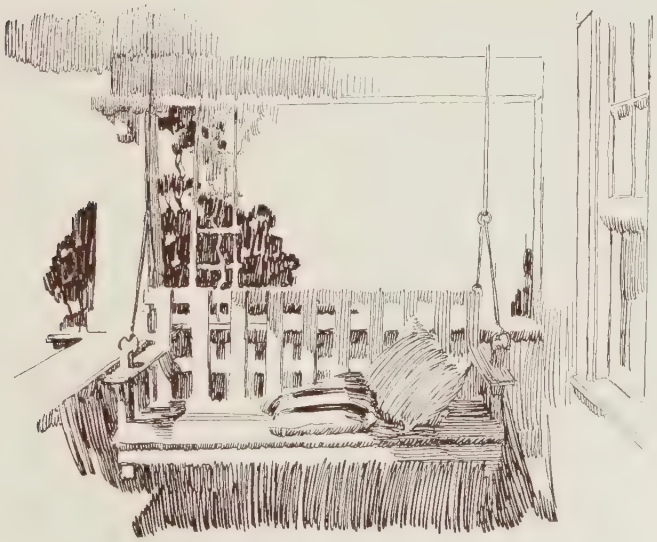
A delightful home that should appeal especially to those desiring home comfort on an economical expenditure.

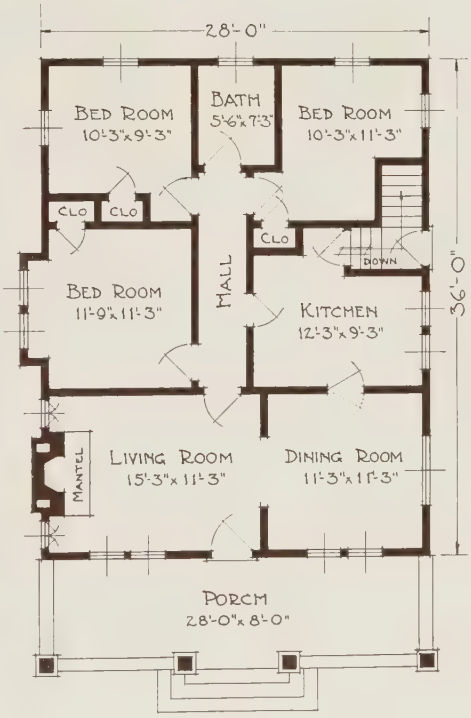
THE Hollywood is a very pleasing design. The exterior is especially attractive. The pretty piazza, drop-over roof in front, brick fireplace and gable at side are features of attractiveness. The rooms are nicely arranged, and cozy, livable size.

There are two floor plans, either of which makes a nice, comfortable, economical home.

The FERNDALE

THE sturdy Craftsman pillars of the Ferndale's porch are the first points of the design to catch your fancy, but the handsome dormer and wide eaves and general home-like appearance are close seconds. You are sure to find the interior just as interesting.

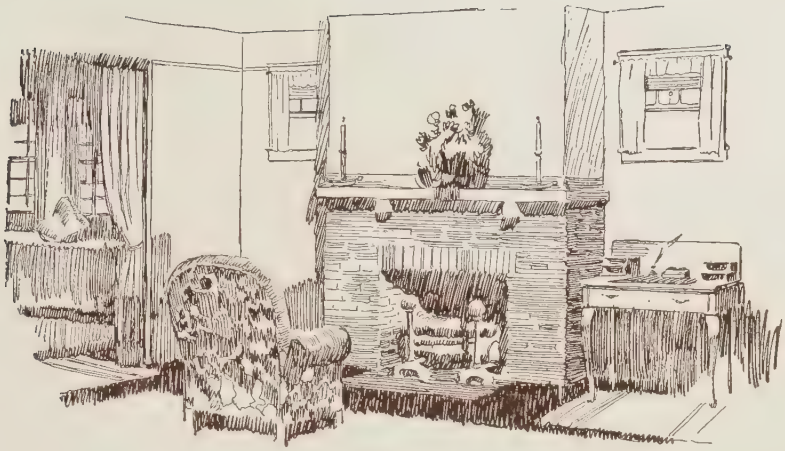




The ALAMEDA

THE unusual interest—the exterior of the Alameda, is due to the low, massive structure and the porch roof, so heavy that it gives the appearance of a wing. And a wing is what it really is, with an outdoor living room in it.

A side view of the Alameda showing how the huge, rugged chimney adds to its picturesqueness.

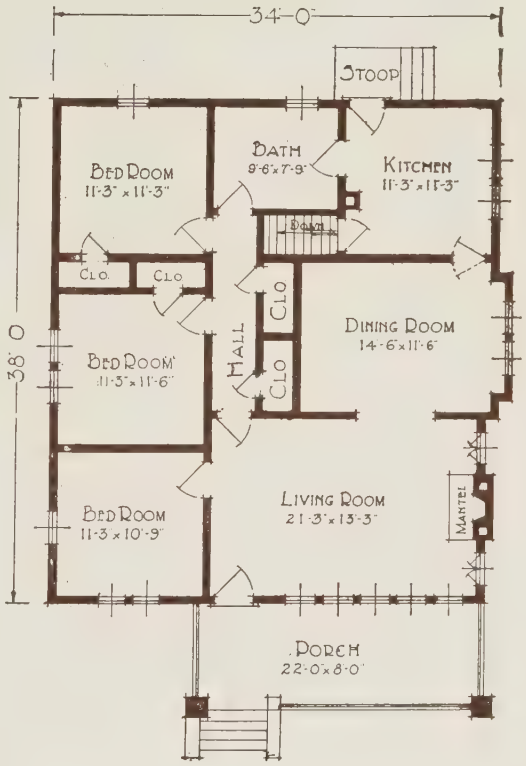


A treatment of the fireplace in the Alameda which shows how little is required to make a room like this breathe cheer and comfort.

The Alameda has been erected a great many times in all parts of the country and with many combinations and has never failed to be charming to look upon.

This is a floor plan in which you are sure to find most of the things you've always wanted in your home, a big living room with a multitude of windows and a fireplace, a sunshiny dining room with a bay window, a well-lighted kitchen and handy cellar stairs, a little back porch, an accessible bathroom, three bedrooms, one of which may be used as a den, and best of all in the minds of many housewives, four great big closets.

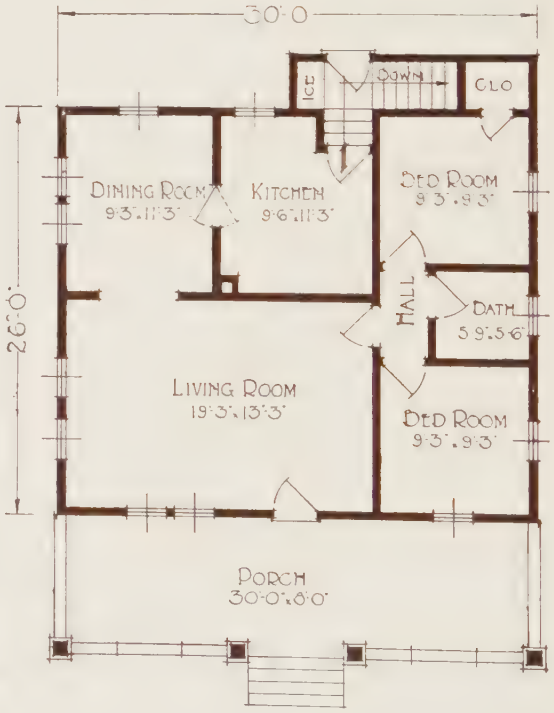
All the rooms are so well proportioned and airy that the house seems even larger than it is. Very few city apartments are arranged as compactly as the Alameda and certainly none is so pleasant to call "home."



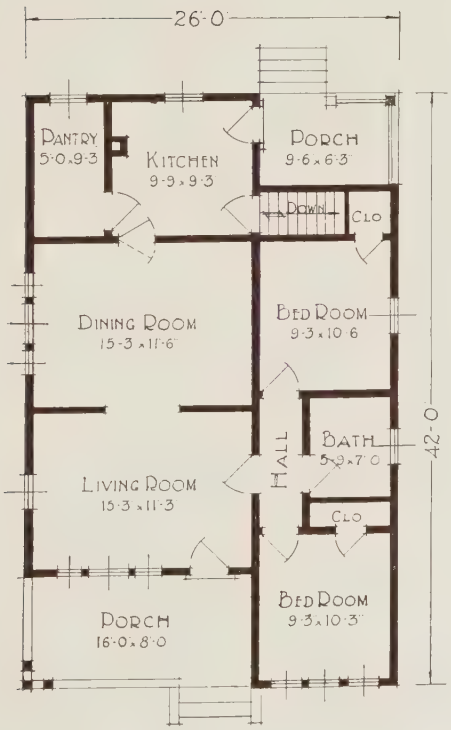
The EL PASO

INTERIOR arrangement of the El Paso is unusually compact for a bungalow, and to many people this is a distinct advantage. Though the bedrooms and bath are so conveniently accessible, they are still secluded with their own little hall.

The low, hospitable porch which seems so thoroughly a part of the house adds much to the charm of the exterior.



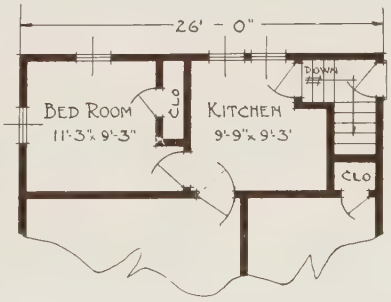
The WYNOLA



A CHARMING little home, designed on remarkably good lines. Something about the overhanging eaves, balancing sets of triple windows, and harmonious dormer appeals to everyone. The floor plan gives great satisfaction, too, particularly because of the pantry and rear porch.

Enthusiastic comments are heard wherever the Wynola is built. "I am entirely satisfied. I made a saving of at least $600.00," writes C. E. Curtis, Long Island, N. Y.

Alternate plan showing Wynola with three bed rooms and grade cellar stairs.



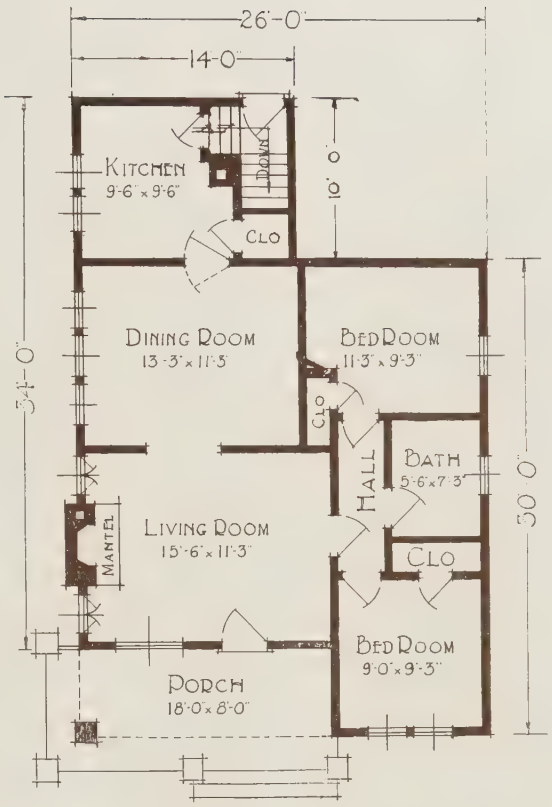
The ASHERTON

A SPLENDID Californian bungalow, well and distinctively designed. The set-in porch, widening into a terrace at one end, adds a touch of the unique at the same time that it provides a delightful outdoor living room.

Little things like scrolled rafter ends, odd window casings and the harmoniously placed dormer all count in eliciting comment from every passerby.

The living room of the Asherton with a fireplace, casement windows flanking the fireplace and the wide window in the front, is a thoroughly livable room, winter or summer.

Notice the excellent arrangement of the rooms, particularly the secluded sleeping quarters and the many fine closets. The plan shown below offers an additional bedroom.



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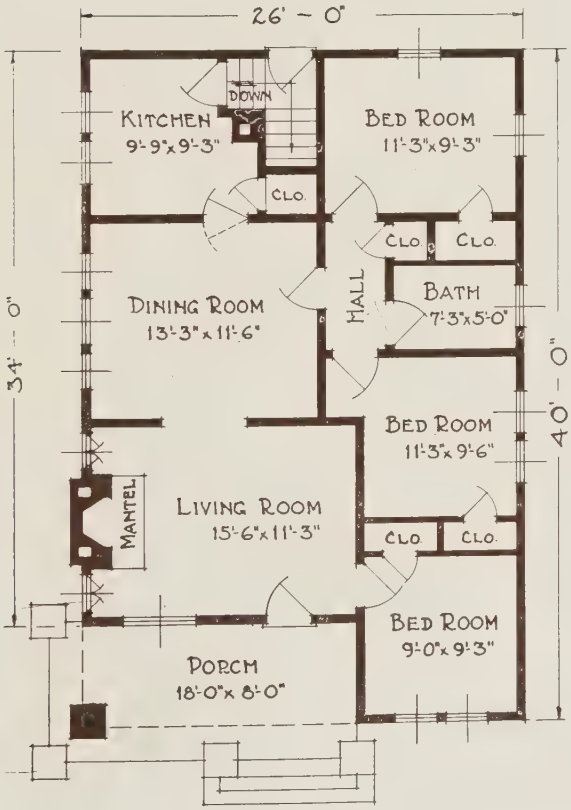


Plan "B"

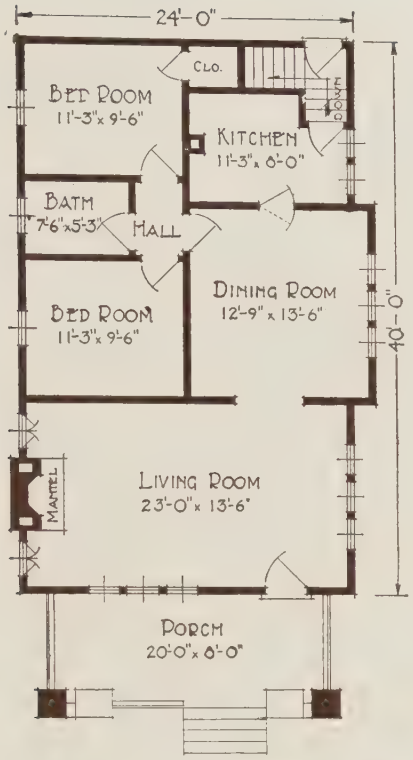
The uniform good quality of the material in Lewis Homes is evidenced by such statements as the following from David L. Sevenson, of New Jersey, who recently completed his Lewis Home:

"Am pleased to say that I completed my Lewis Home and that the materials and service were excellent. I like the Lewis Homes so well that I am recommending them to all my friends and associates."

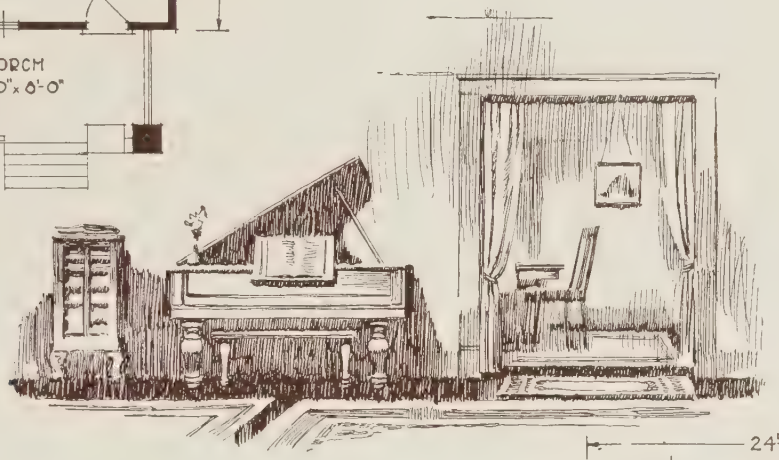
The SAN FERNANDO

NONE of California's contributions, and they are legion, has received a more enthusiastic welcome all over the Union than the San Fernando.

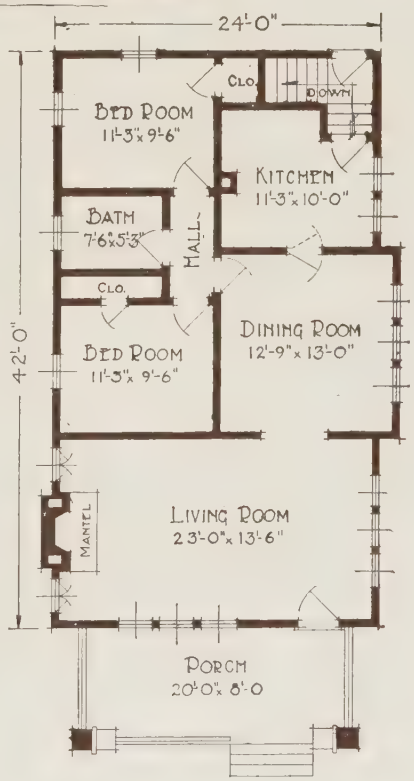
The San Fernando looks its prettiest when seen through a garden gate like this one.



A better shape and splendid lighting are gained for the San Fernando's dining room by the bay window which adds so much to the exterior appearance. A double swing door connects with the kitchen, which has stairs to the grade entrance and basement. A short hall opens from the dining room and connects two large bedrooms and a bath. This gives the sleeping quarters as much seclusion as if they were on another floor and is an arrangement in high favor among modern home builders.

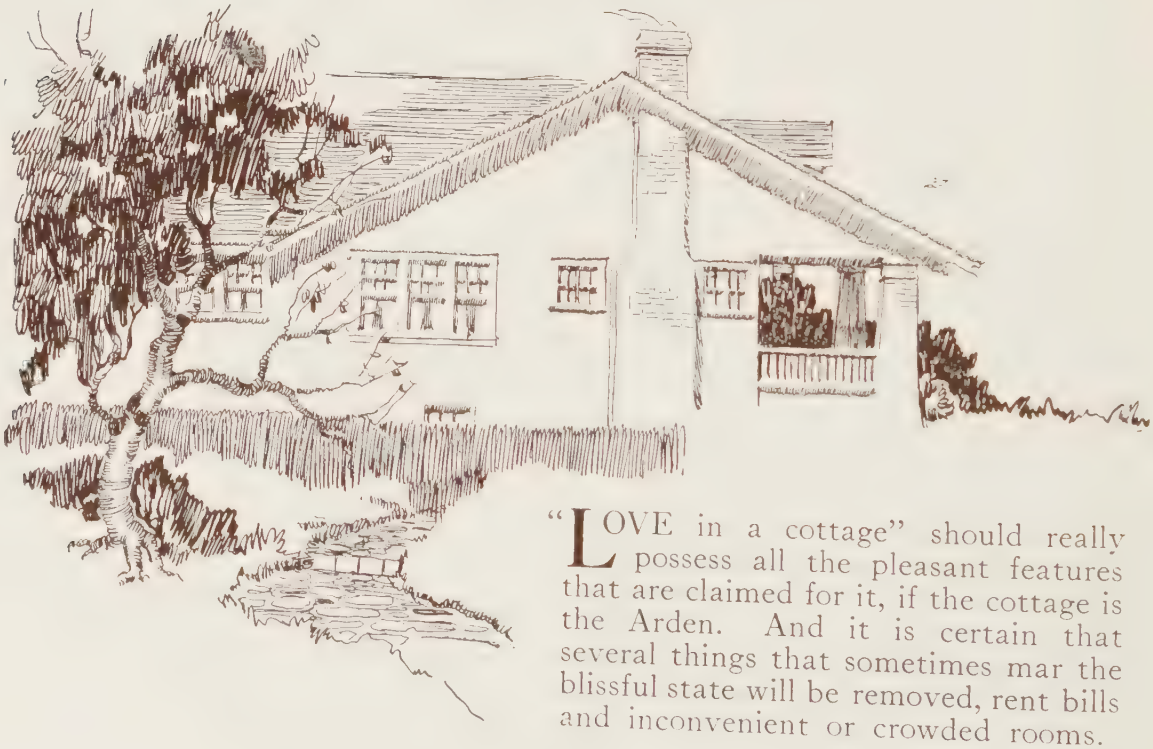


A great sunny living room with no less than eight windows stretches across the whole front of the house. The possibilities for comfort and hospitality in such a room are endless.
The opening between living room and dining room is wide and strengthens the impression of spaciousness. Well placed furniture makes this vista decidedly pleasant.



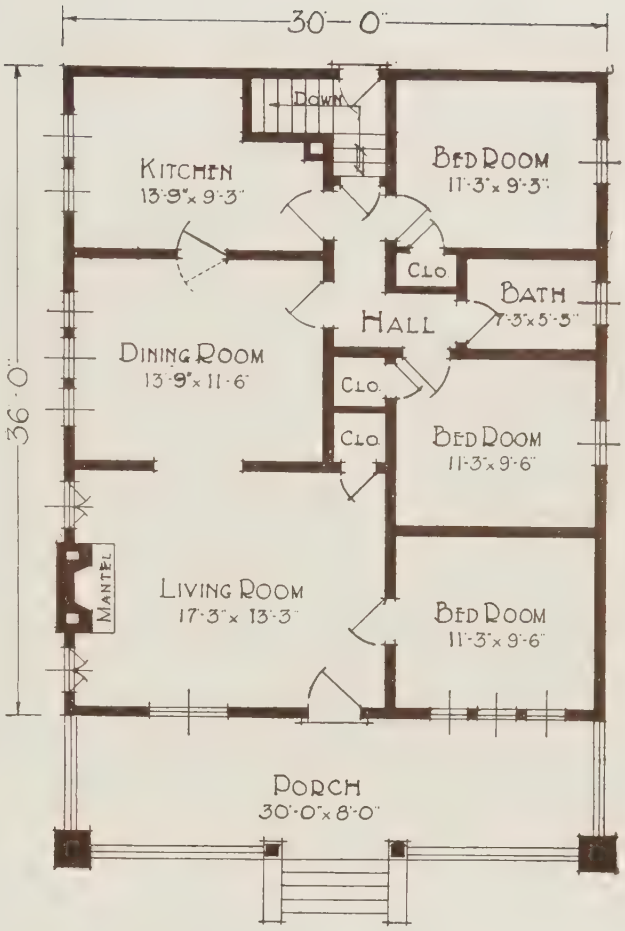
In both the large and small plans shingled outer walls complete this bungalow's rustic charm. Siding will be furnished, however, if preferred. The design can even be finished in stucco. We strive to give customers plenty of leeway for individual taste in such matters. The San Fernando is an adaptable design and sure to give pleasure.

The ARDEN



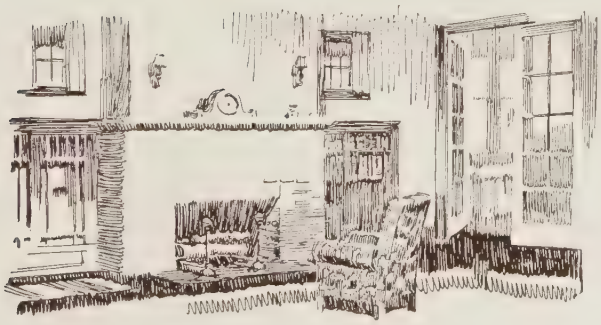
"LOVE in a cottage" should really possess all the pleasant features that are claimed for it, if the cottage is the Arden. And it is certain that several things that sometimes mar the blissful state will be removed, rent bills and inconvenient or crowded rooms.

Brides and grooms are not the only people who become greatly enamored over the Arden. It is one of the prettiest and roomiest of bungalows. Brick pillars stand sentinel at each end of a wide veranda; the slope of the low roof is broken by a dormer of the same long, low lines; and brackets, unusual porch rail and piers, and side walls curved at the base all have a share in the Arden's exterior charms.



The Arden is a home that is delightful to furnish because of its cozy, well-arranged rooms. And it is just as much fun to "plant" the yard.

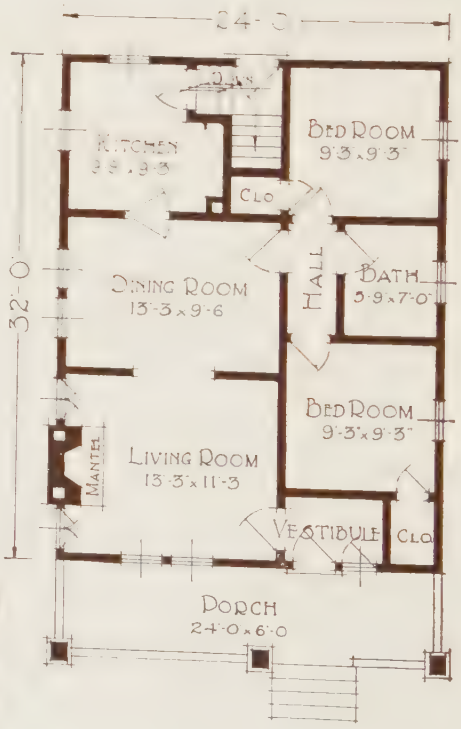
The living room is large and light with a coat closet and a suggested fireplace. The dining room with its triple windows is connected with the kitchen by a swing door. The hall gives access to two bedrooms, the bath and steps to the grade entrance and basement. Both bedrooms are of good size and have closets. Off the living room is a pleasant room with triple windows which may be used for a bedroom, sewing room or den.



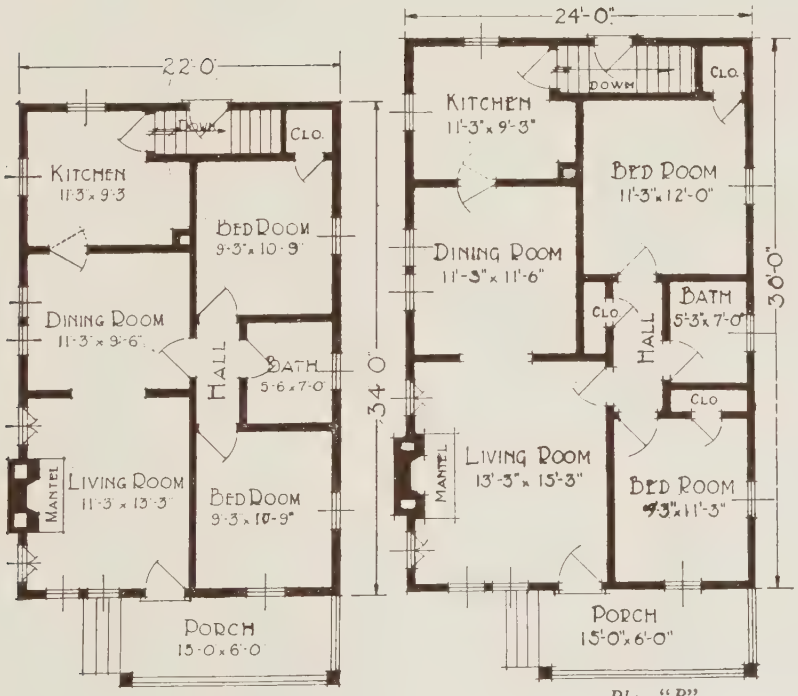
It does not take much time or money to make the Arden so pretty that you and your whole town will enjoy a thrill of pride whenever you see it.

The GLENWOOD

THE Glenwood is built on bungalow lines but the use of siding instead of shingles, for the most part, gives it quite a different air. The set-in porch is exceedingly inviting and many owners speak of the convenience of the vestibule entrance and general good arrangement.



The CRESTON



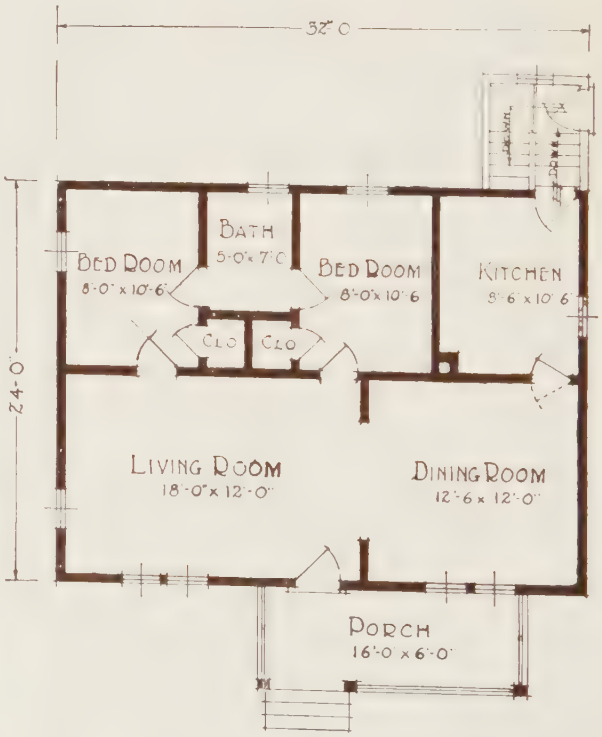
Plan "A" *Plan "B"*

THE Creston is distinctive among small homes for its attractive appearance and convenient arrangement. The porch is unusual, harmonizing perfectly with the main roof lines. The living room with its fireplace between casement windows is especially inviting.

The ESSEX

UNUSUALLY good looking and compactly arranged, the Essex is a very popular bungalow design. The large porch and living room are especially desirable.

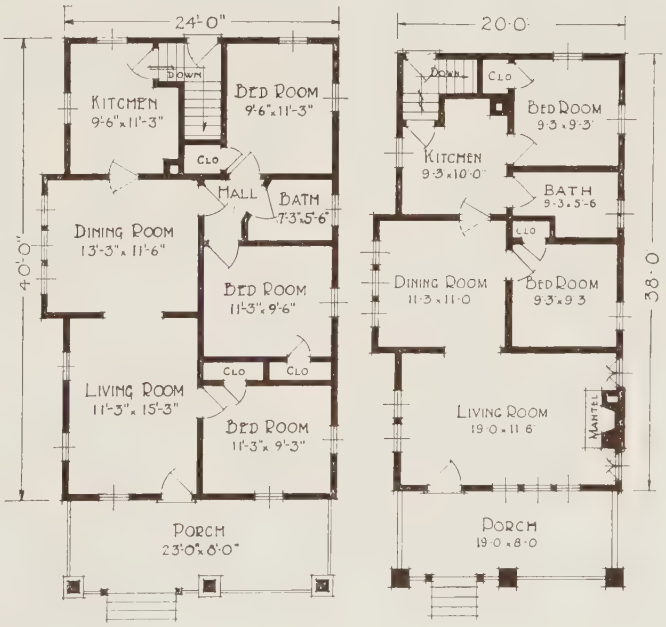
> *"If I were to build a number of houses they would all be Lewis Homes as we did not have any trouble at all. Everything went together nicely and absolutely no waste. Will send photo of our 'Essex' if you like."—F. G. Ford, Va.*



The BIRCHWOOD

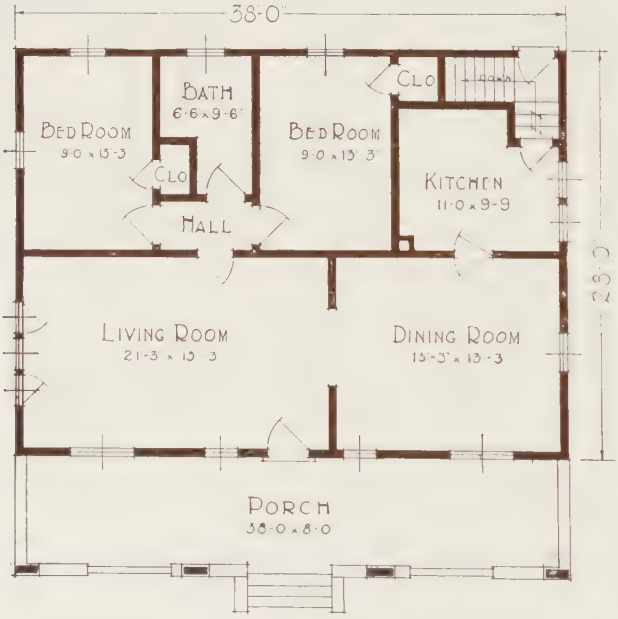
THE big set-in porch of the Birchwood with its unusual construction gives it a most pleasing exterior. And the floor plan lends itself admirably to the needs of the small family.

The living room has a place indicated for fireplace at one end and is beautifully lighted from three sides. Bedrooms and bath are well located and accessible. A larger size has three bedrooms.

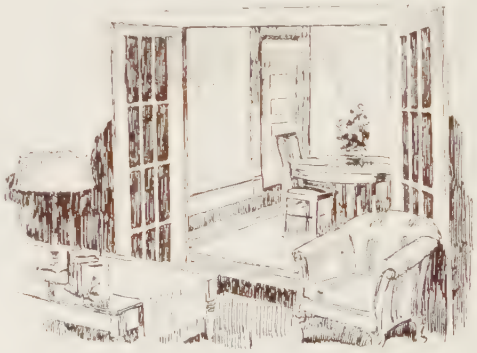


The PUEBLO

A BROAD veranda extends a welcome to the large sunshiny rooms of the Pueblo. Living room and dining room occupy the wide front. Off the living room is a hall from which both bedrooms and a centrally located bath open.



"We consider that we have made a saving of at least 25% by purchasing our home from you," declares Perrow & Perfater, contractors, of Virginia.



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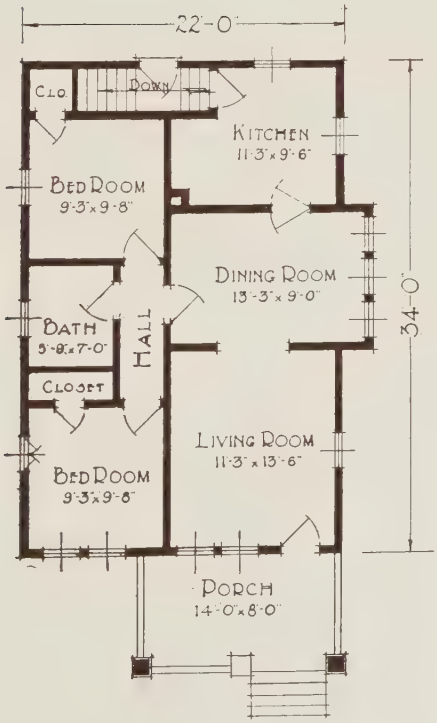
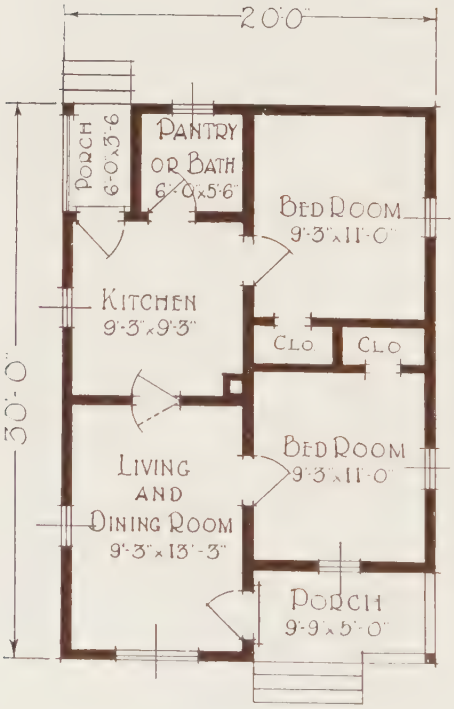


THE big porch and many windows of the Elmdale appeal to those who like sunshine and air and are an especial advantage where the grounds are small. The irregularities of the roof lines give a pleasant exterior and the floor plan is very well liked by Elmdale owners.

The KENYON



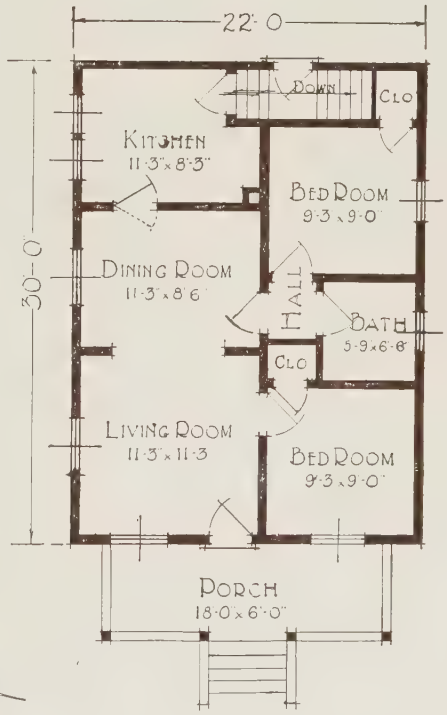
A SIMPLE design, one that can be rapidly and inexpensively built, and yet everything that goes into the Kenyon is of the very best quality, solid, substantial and permanent.

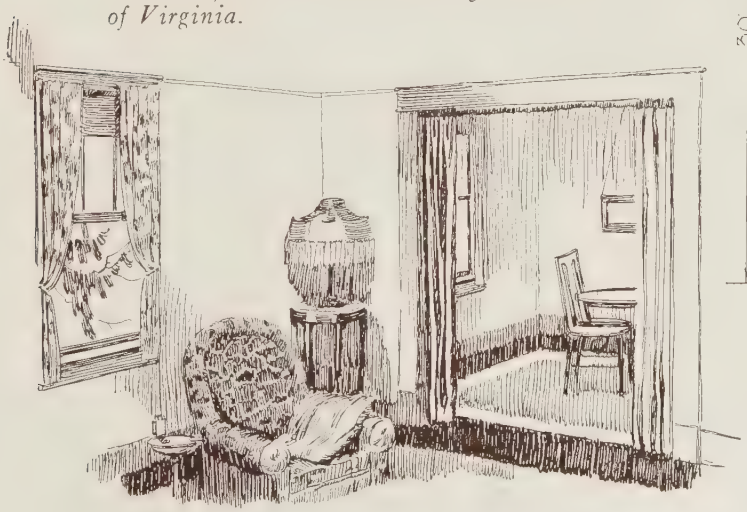
"We could not secure as good material in this locality. We have sold the 'Kenyon' and are going to build another Lewis Home."—J. L. King, Pennsylvania.

The PIEDMONT

SIMPLICITY characterizes the Piedmont and always recommends it to people of good taste. A wide veranda, on lines which harmonize with the rest of the structure, is a pleasant exterior feature. Rooms are all well lighted and proportioned.

"My 'Piedmont' is very satisfactory," writes A. M. Marbaker of Wisconsin, "and I am especially pleased with the quality of materials," adds Mr. Demin J. Shearer of Virginia.





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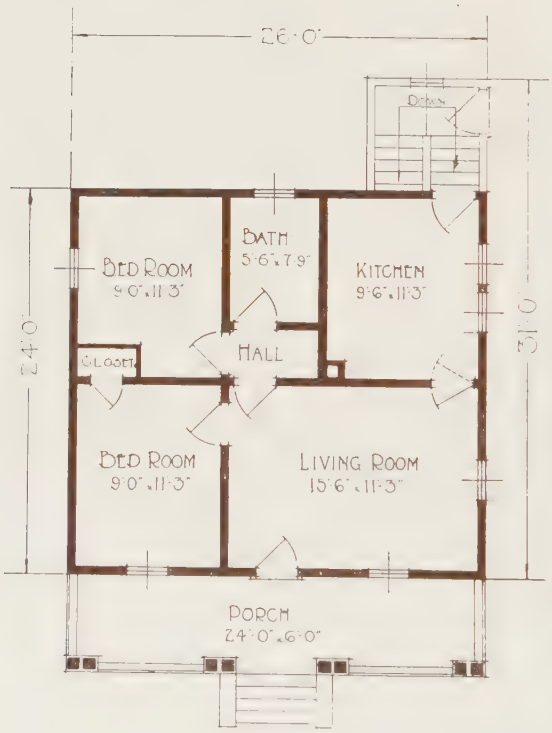
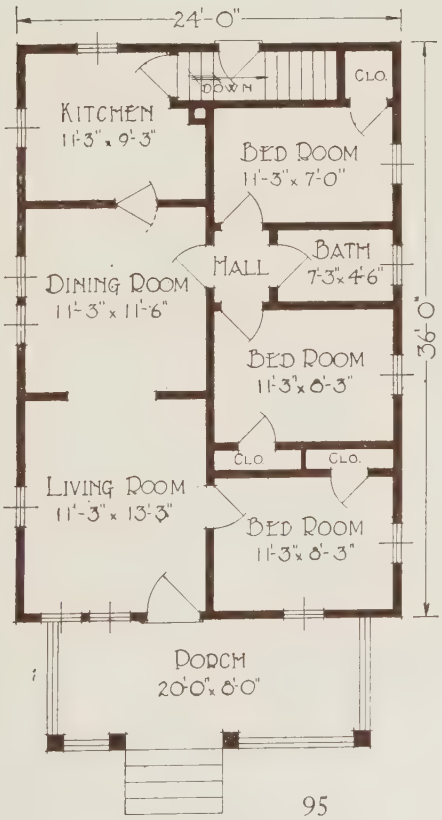
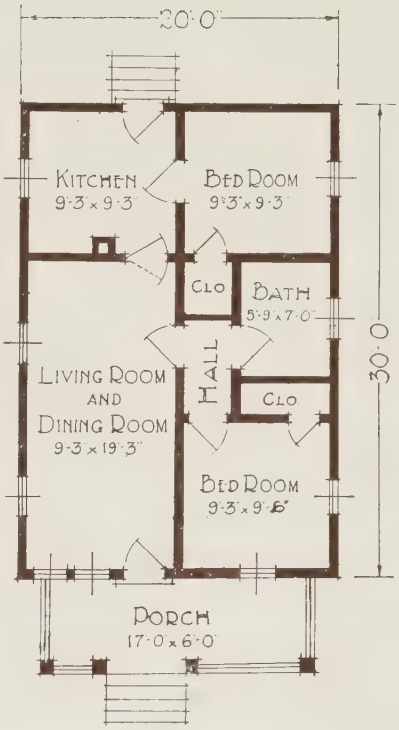


FOR those who like the convenience of a square, or nearly square, floor plan, and yet dislike the monotony of appearance common to most such designs, the Sylvan is a find. For it combines a compact, centrally grouped interior with as picturesque an outer appearance as one could desire.

The WAUNETA

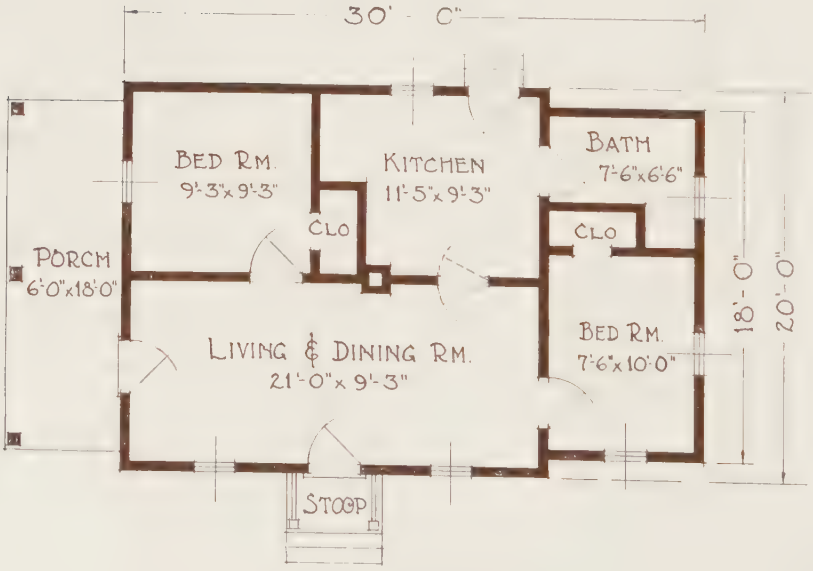
STAINED shingles and exposed rafter ends give a rustic touch to the cozy Wauneta. One large combination living room and dining room is in excellent favor nowadays and lends a spaciousness to a small home attainable in no other way.





The RANDOLPH

SELDOM will you see a more attractive cottage than the "Randolph" at so low a cost. It is much more a problem to combine good appearance and a convenient arrangement in a small home than it is in the more costly designs.

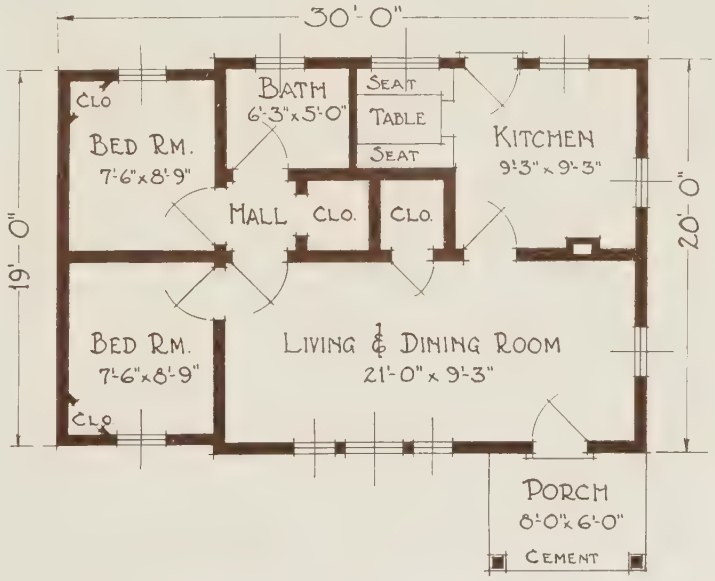


P. H. Hayes of Ohio writes: "*Have just moved into our new home and we like it fine. It is a good looking little house, very warm and convenient.*"

The LAUDERDALE

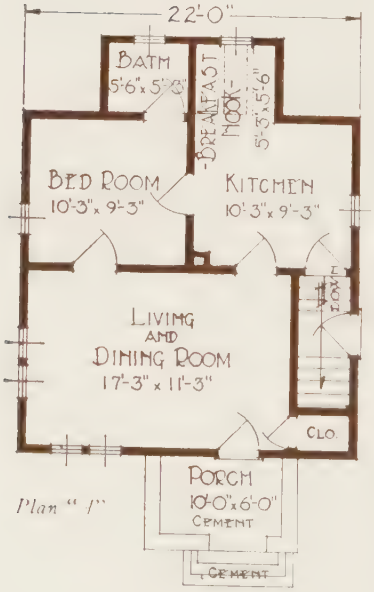
THE "Lauderdale" has always appealed to those who want snugness and comfort at a low cost and at the same time have a home attractive in appearance. You will be surprised at what a low cost you can build this cosy home.

Many larger homes do not have all the good features one finds in the "Lauderdale." Could anything be more convenient than the handy breakfast nook adjoining the kitchen?



The BERKLEY

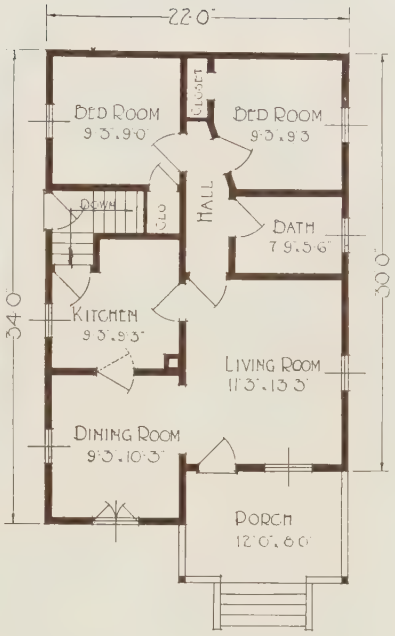
EVERYBODY falls in love with the Berkley for it stands out anywhere as a charming bit of home architecture. Trellised windows, hooded doorway, and quaint little windows under the eaves are details of this prettiest of small homes.



Plan "A"

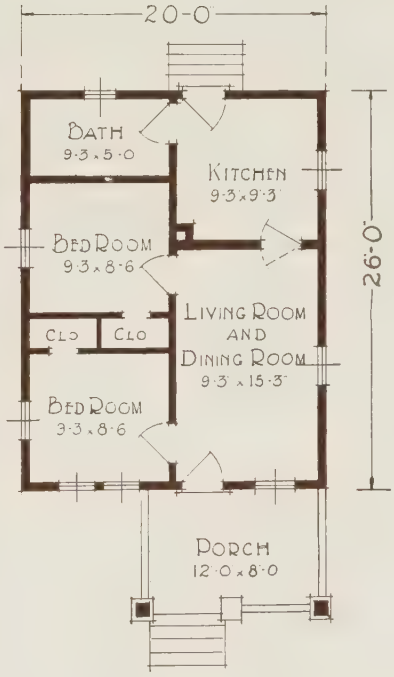
Plan "B"

Two plans, A and B, are shown, both being particularly well adapted to this delightful home.



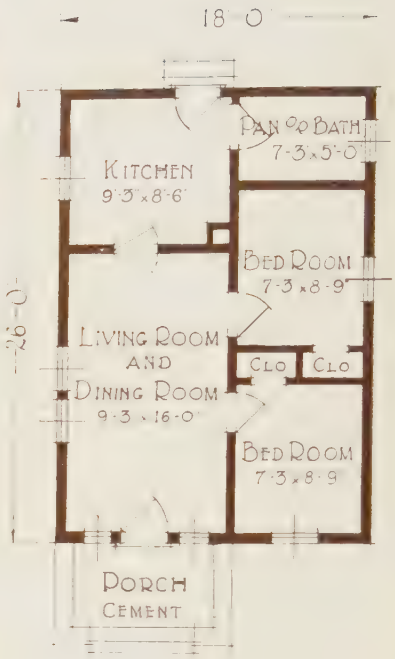
The MILTON

A TASTEFUL, simple and artistic design is what we offer in our Milton. While it embodies many of the features of the more costly homes, yet it is very economical to build. The set-in porch with its pergola roof design, the siding curving to the ground, all add to its attractiveness.



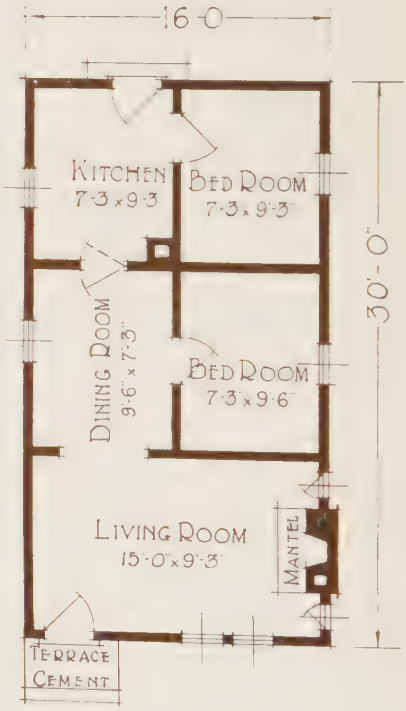
The CHELSEA

QUITE different from the small cottage one ordinarily sees. A striking feature of the Chelsea is the well designed porch, strong but graceful in its lines, and covered by a gable roof that harmonizes with the main roof above it. The floor plan is well arranged with not one foot of waste space.



The ALAMO

A CHARMING cottage of the bungalow type that appeals more particularly to those who admire good taste and yet cannot afford a larger and more costly home. The combination of siding and shingles on the side walls with the heavy brackets supporting the eaves and the porch roof makes the Alamo a very pleasing cottage.



The MECCA

IN OUR Mecca bungalow, we offer one of the most attractive, as well as properly designed, small houses. The Mecca is of strong, sturdy construction, and all of the materials are of the excellent quality characteristic of Lewis Homes. A larger size, 20 x 30′, is also offered.

BUILT-IN FIXTURES *for* LEWIS HOMES

Buffet No. 3

The Lewis Buffet No. 3 has always proved popular with home builders. It is roomy and well arranged, having large china cases on either side and two full length drawers and four smaller drawers in the center. Furnished complete with mirror as shown.

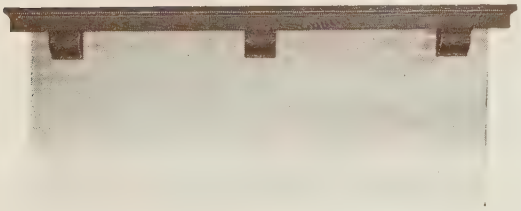
Bookcase Arch

Size of bookcases, 2′6″ wide—4′10″ high. Doors are glazed with leaded glass as shown. Shelves are adjustable. All necessary hardware. Shipped assembled.

The Interior Fixtures shown on these pages are made of the same excellent materials and careful workmanship that distinguishes Lewis Homes. For prices see price list.

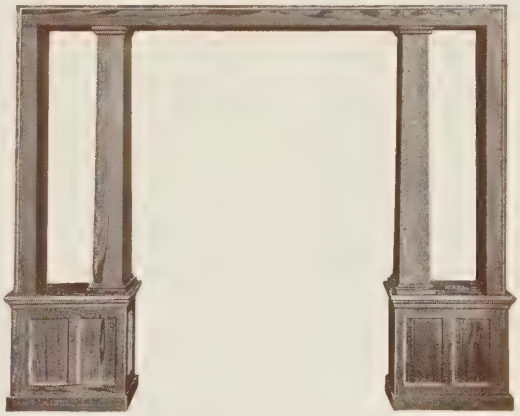
Mantel Bookcases

Made for any size room. Top of bookcases continue across the top of fireplace, making mantel shelf. Double drawers at bottom of bookcases as shown.



Mantel Shelf

Built for any size chimney breast, and in any wood to correspond with the balance of the woodwork. Furnished with or without the scrolled brackets as shown.



Pedestal Colonnade

Built for any ordinary size opening. Pedestals are paneled. Size 2′ x 2′. Columns are 6¼″ square at the bottom, tapering to the top.

Kitchen Table

A most handy kitchen table and cupboard combined. Four deep drawers, large pan cupboard and flour bin, also mixing board as shown. Height 32", length 48", depth 26". Shipped complete ready to assemble.

Linen Case

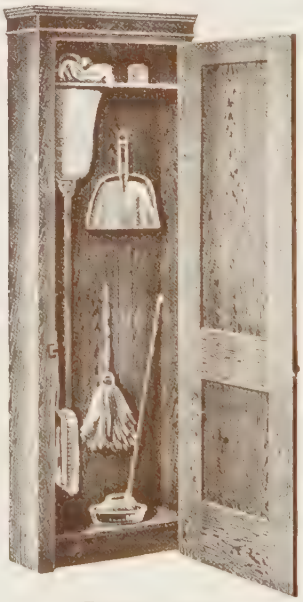
A complete built-in linen case with three large drawers below and three enclosed shelves above. Furnished in two sizes. Shipped complete ready to assemble.

Kitchen Cabinet

A very desirable cabinet 4'6" wide and 7'0" high. It has a flour bin, three drawers, besides plenty of cupboard space. Shipped complete ready to assemble.

Built-in Ironing Board

An ironing board built in the wall is always clean and handy for use. The board is firmly supported insuring absolute rigidity. Furnished complete as shown.



Broom Case

A place for everything and everything in its place. Can be set in wall taking up very little room. Shipped complete ready to assemble.

Medicine Cabinet

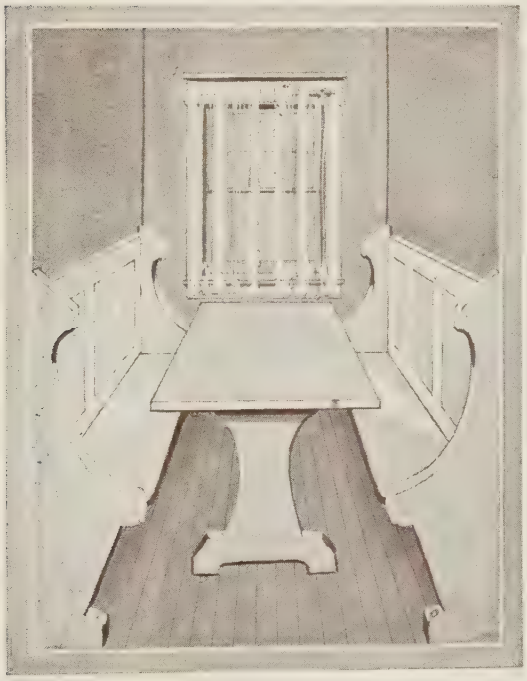
Wall opening required for cabinet 20" wide 26" high and 4¼" deep. Mirror in door size 14" x 18". Furnished with three adjustable shelves and all necessary hardware.

Lewis-Built French Doors

Each door size 2′6″ x 6′8″—1⅜″ in thickness, divided into 12 lights. Can be placed in opening between the living and dining rooms. Furnished complete with all necessary hardware.

Combination Storm and Screen Door

Fitted with both sash and screen; readily converted from the screen door for use during the summer to the storm door for the winter months; A very substantial door that will stand up well under all conditions. Price quoted includes sash and screen and necessary fittings.



Breakfast Nook

Lewis built-in breakfast nooks have met with much favor. They are complete, substantial, attractive and economical. The illustration above shows breakfast nook No. 1. The benches in breakfast nook No. 2 do not have the scrolled ends projecting above the seat, or the paneled backs. Shipped complete ready to assemble.

Cabinet Closette

Built of Clear Yellow Pine, 7′ high, 3′ wide and 17½″ deep. Has shelf above and large drawer beneath. When set in wall it projects in room only one foot. Shipped complete as shown.

Mirror Door

Mirror door with heavy bevel plate mirror, as shown, can be substituted for ordinary inside door at a nominal additional cost. See price list.

No. 1

No. 2

No. 3

Outside Doors

A characteristic feature of any well designed home is the front door. The doors furnished with Lewis Homes combine beauty and strength. All outside doors are manufactured from clear solid pine. Oak front doors can be furnished, instead of pine, at slight extra cost.

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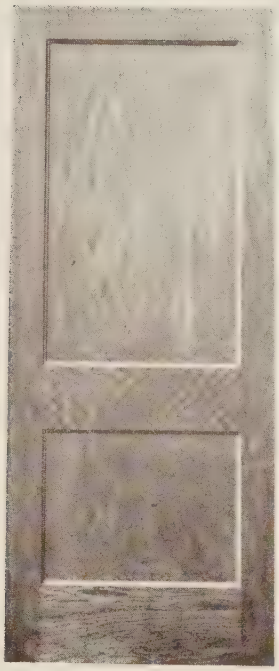


No. 7

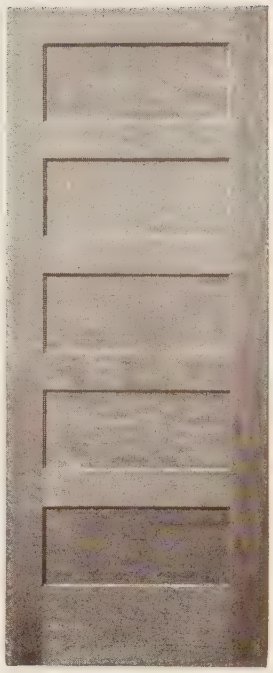
INSIDE DOORS

Two-Panel Door

In the two-panel inside door the face veneers are rotary cut, giving a very beautiful grain effect in the panels that cannot be obtained in any other way. Additional cost for the two-panel door will be quoted on request.

Five-Panel Door

The five-panel door combines marked beauty and stability and is without question the most popular door manufactured today. The wood used for the panels is selected for its attractive grain. Used in all Lewis Homes.



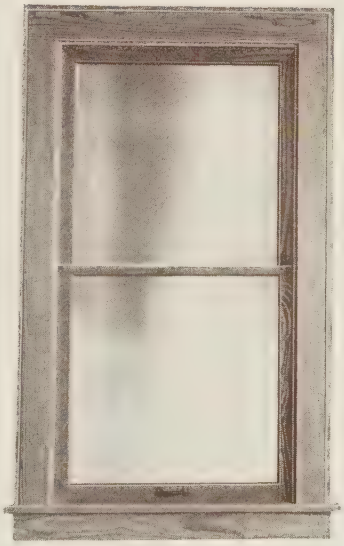
No. 8

WINDOWS

Three of the most popular styles of windows are shown here, the six-light bungalow window, the plain and the paneled windows. You have your choice of any of these styles. If no preference is specified on the order the windows will be furnished as shown in the photograph.

Six-Light Window

The six-light window is always in good taste. Popular in the bungalow and colonial homes. Outside door design No. 3 is recommended when this style of window is used.



Plain Window

With the windows having the plain upper and lower sash we recommend either design No. 2 or No. 4 for the front door. These doors are in keeping with the plain sash.

Paneled Window

Many prefer this style of window with the paneled upper sash. It is desirable in any style home. Outside door No. 5 harmonizes best with this style of window.

LEWIS-BUILT ADDITIONS

NUMEROUS requests for additions to our houses in the past has resulted in our designing several additions that can be used advantageously on practically any house shown in our catalog. Whenever an order is placed with us for one of the additions the exterior finish will be furnished in keeping with the appearance of the house at no extra cost. The material used for their construction is the same high grade as that supplied for the house itself. Several different designs are shown, giving you quite an assortment from which you can select the addition that comes the nearest to meeting with your needs.

Addition No. 101

Addition No. 101

A combined back porch and pantry. Size 14′ x 6′. Pantry size 8′ x 6′. Porch size 6′ x 6′. Two extra doors for rear of house, one to open to pantry and one to porch, are included.

Addition No. 102

Addition No. 102

A popular sleeping porch, pantry and back porch combined. Size 12′x7′. Sleeping porch size 11′x6′6″. Pantry 4′x6′6″. Back porch 7′ x 7′. Also size 10′ x 6′. sleeping porch size 9′ x 5′6″. Pantry 4′ x 5′6″. Back porch 5′ x 6′.

Addition No. 103

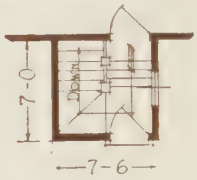
Addition No. 103

A very popular sleeping porch addition. Size 10′ x 6′, large enough for a double bed or two single beds. Can be furnished with sash for sleeping porch or screens. Built to harmonize with the design of the house.

Addition No. 104

Addition No. 104

An enclosed grade cellar entrance, giving access to kitchen and basement. Size 7′6″ x 7′.



Addition No. 105

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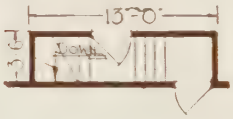
A convenient grade cellar entrance that can be readily attached to any house. Size 13′ x 3′6″.



Addition No. 106

Addition No. 106

This is an unusually good looking back porch. Serviceable and well constructed. Prices quoted do not include rear door but steps are furnished as shown. Furnished in several different sizes.

Addition No. 107

Addition No. 107

A plain type of back porch that can be attached to the rear of any house, having the kitchen door open directly onto the porch. Price includes rear steps but rear door from kitchen to porch is not furnished unless ordered extra.

Addition No. 108

A very convenient rear entrance which can be used on most any home. Suitable place for the refrigerator. Furnished with sash and Lewis Door No. 1. Outside walls are furnished with either shingles or siding to conform with house.

Addition No. 109

A two-story rear porch addition furnished in two sizes. Desirable for use as a dusting or airing porch and can be used on any two-story house. Price includes one extra door leading from second floor.

The LEWIS DISAPPEARING STAIRWAY

Takes up No Room—Easily Operated

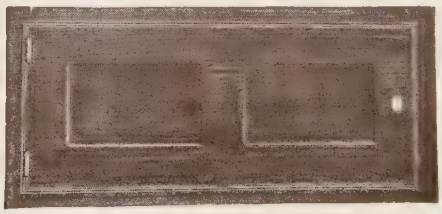
When the stair is not in use it is compactly folded up in the ceiling. There is nothing but a neat panel visible which can be finished to match other woodwork in the room. It is out of sight and out of the way, allowing full use of all floor space. When needed, a slight pull on the chain will bring the stair down, ready for instant use.

Utilizing Waste Space

The Lewis disappearing stairway makes possible the use of waste attic space under the roof and gives you an extra room in your house without taking up floor or space in the room below.

Stairway Folded (upper view)

This view is gained in the room above. Not the remotest possibility exists of stairway coming down unassisted. It can easily be let half-way down, if desired, for ventilation purposes.



Stairway Folded (lower view)

Nothing visible but this neat panel. Panel furnished in Yellow Pine or Oak.

LEWIS GARAGES

IN LEWIS GARAGES, we offer designs that are not only sturdy in construction, but are also attractive in appearance, and at prices that will bring the garage of your choice well within your means. The illustrations will clearly show just how the garage will look when completed.

The HUDSON

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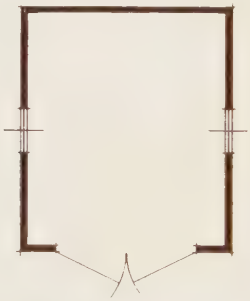

The PAIGE

SIZES
10′x 16′
12′x 16′
12′x 18′
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The CHALMERS

SIZES
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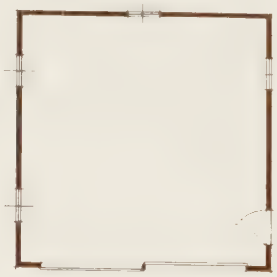
24′x 20′
26′x 20′



The CADILLAC

SIZES
10′x 14′
12′x 16′
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DOUBLE
20′x 18′

The BUICK

SIZES
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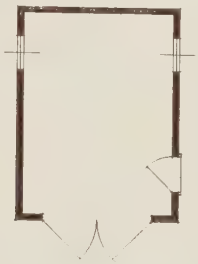

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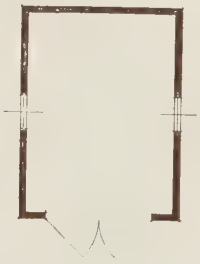

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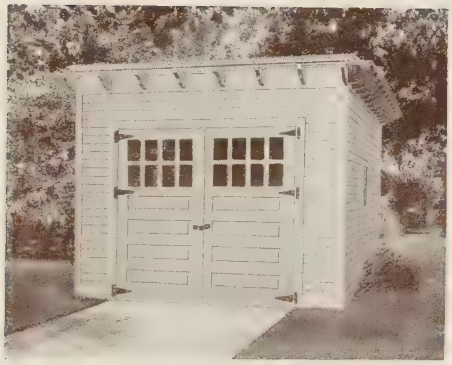

The OAKLAND

SIZES
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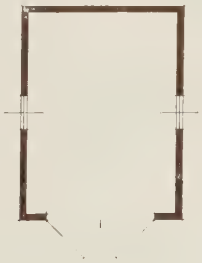


The CHEVROLET

SIZES
8′x 14′
10′x 16′
10′x 18′
12′x 16′
12′x1 8′
12′x 20′
14′x 18′

What Is Furnished

All lumber used in Lewis garages is accurately cut to fit and is marked to conform with the complete working plans, which are furnished with each garage.

The prices quoted include all lumber, doors, windows, tracks, hangers, nails, paint for outside walls. Floors are not furnished as concrete is generally preferred.

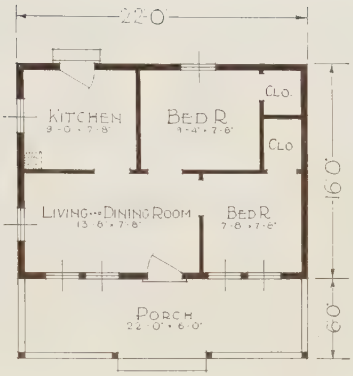
SUMMER COTTAGES

WHEN one considers the low cost of Lewis summer cottages, their good appearance and construction, and the ease in which they are erected, it is not surprising that there are so many of them to be found along the shores of our lakes and rivers.

The ONONDAGA

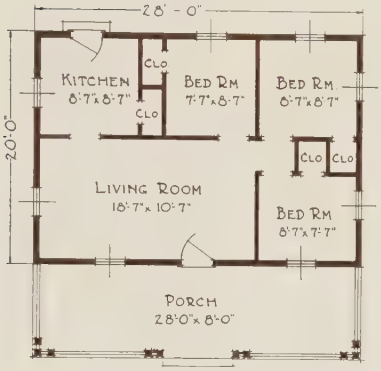
Our Onondaga is a most attractive two-story cottage, which is especially well suited to the needs of a large family. The exterior is unusually pleasing with the long sloping roof and artistic dormer.

The plan provides for five bedrooms, besides the balcony is adapted for use as a sleeping porch. The whole cottage speaks of comfort and hospitality. You cannot make a better investment than to purchase the Onondaga.



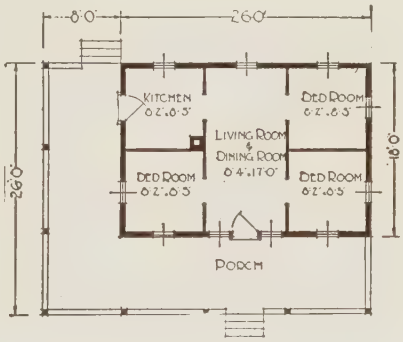
The NAVAJO

This is a substantial and very good looking summer home. A glance at the floor plan will immediately emphasize the fact that it is more like a small city home than a summer residence. The deep porch running the full length of the cottage, the commodious living and dining room and nicely arranged kitchen and sleeping chambers, make it a very desirable summer cottage.



The MENOMINEE

Can you picture to yourself a more delightful little summer home than this? You probably know of just the spot where it would make for you and your family just such an ideal summer home as shown here. Like all Lewis Homes the Menominee is flawless in construction with selected materials used throughout. You will be surprised at what a low cost a cottage like this can be completed.



The LINWOOD

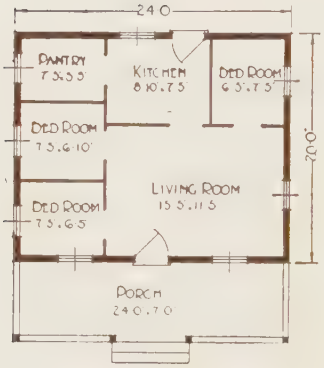
Our Linwood is one of our newer summer cottages and has already received much praise. The porch extending the full length of two sides of the cottage is an especially attractive feature which appeals to many people.

The floor plan shows a long living room through the center of the house, with two bedrooms at the right and kitchen and bedroom at the left.

We feel confident our Linwood cottage will find many more friends this coming year.

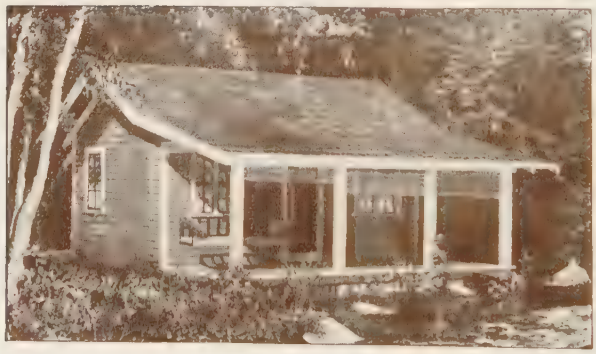
The SEMINOLE

A more pleasing summer cottage than our Seminole at so low a cost could not be found. The generous window space insures plenty of circulation of air for all rooms, an idea which has been kept well in mind in the placing of the doors. This cottage is well constructed and when erected will more than repay the owner for the effort.



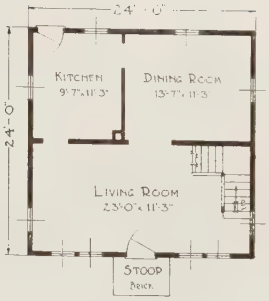
The OTTAWA

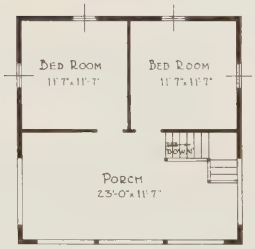
Our Ottawa summer cottage has been generally popular among those seeking an attractive summer home. It is unusual in design and offers a surprising amount of room when you consider the size. Besides a large living room the plan shows three bedrooms and a kitchen with a convenient pantry. The porch across the front is well arranged for screening and may readily be used for a sleeping porch if so desired.



The CHIPPEWA

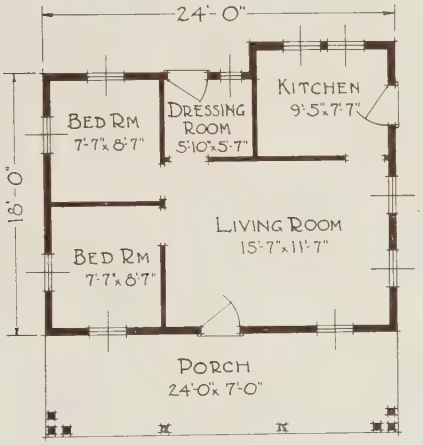
For those who are looking for a small summer cottage, our Chippewa cannot be too highly recommended. It is cozy and comfortable as to interior arrangement and the porch adds to its many possibilities for enjoying an outdoor life. This cottage has always been in great demand among our customers, for many people planning to live in the open during the summer months, prefer a cottage of four rooms and a porch as one meeting all their needs.





The NIAGARA

Look at the beauty of the Niagara and then note the excellence of the arrangement. With its big private second-floor veranda, the large living room and dining room and large bedrooms, it makes an ideal summer home.



The PINEDALE

This beautiful little summer home could not help but bring a great deal of joy to the hearts of those who love comfort and things artistic.

What is Furnished for Lewis Summer Cottages

Foundation Sills—4″ x 6″ and 4″ x 8″ depending on size of cottage, built up of 2″ No. 1 Hemlock cut-to-fit.

Floor Joists—No. 1 Hemlock cut-to-fit.

Studding—2″ x 4″ No. 1 Hemlock dressed four sides, cut-to-fit.

Rafters—2″ x 4″ No. 1 Hemlock cut accurately to fit, mitered and beveled.

Siding—1″ x 6″ drop for entire sidewalls, cut-to-fit.

Flooring—$\frac{13}{16}$″ x 3¼″ face, tongued and grooved and accurately cut-to-fit.

Partitions—3¼″ face, narrow beaded ceiling, dressed both sides. No inside finish such as stools, aprons, base board or casings furnished.

Roof Boards—1″ x 4″ Hemlock roof boards cut-to-fit. Roof boards are spaced 2″ apart to give proper ventilation to roof shingles.

Roof Covering—Either shingles or prepared roofing will be furnished at the same price. When roofing is used the roof boards are 1″ x 6″ laid tight.

Outside Finish—Consisting of frieze, barge boards, corner boards, casings, etc., is all selected material best suited for outside work.

Doors and Sash—Doors are furnished as shown on floor plans, all outside doors glazed. Window sash are of clear White Pine and glazed with "A" quality glass.

Paints—Sherwin-Williams quality paints furnished for two coats outside. No paint or varnish furnished for inside. (Paint color card will be sent on request.)

Hardware—Including locksets, hinges, window sets, ridge roll, valley tin and a sufficient amount of nails is furnished for each cottage.

No lath and plaster or plaster board are furnished.

Material Ready for Shipment

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LEWIS HOMES

AN unusual combination of high business ideals and superb facilities for carrying them into execution is the foundation of the success of the Lewis Manufacturing Company.

It believes in building homes that will endure, and it operates on so large a scale that it can offer the best built homes in the country at moderate price and still maintain itself as a prosperous business enterprise.

Many other manufacturers and building contractors are also anxious to give satisfaction, but their limited facilities force them to use materials "nearly as good" instead of "the best."

And there are others who see a bigger profit to be made by skimping and substitution and are too short-sighted to realize that such methods are boomerangs bringing eventual public distrust and consequent business failure.

All good builders and contractors use some of the methods characteristic of Lewis, but there are very few who incorporate *all* of these good points in their houses as Lewis does.

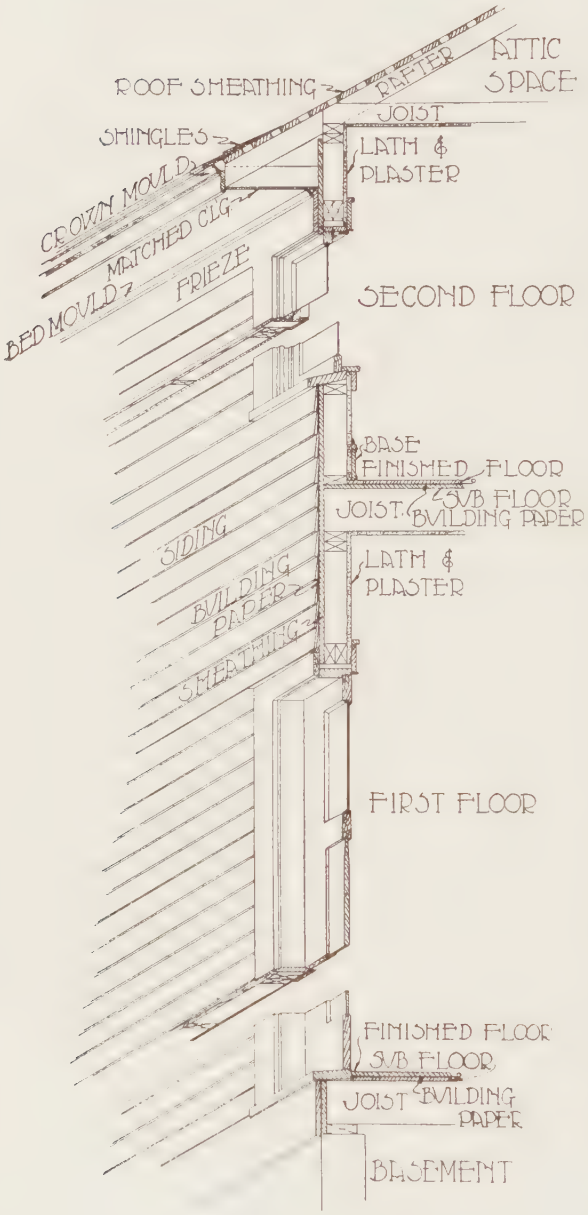
GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Why Lewis-Built Means Best Built

General Construction. All materials used in Lewis houses are according to the best engineering practices and standards. Floor joists are doubled under bearing partitions and around openings; studdings are doubled at openings and corners and floors are all double. As soon as we receive a request for a design shown in this book, we will send complete and detailed specifications of that particular house.

Warmth. Dead air space is practically a non-conductor of heat or cold. Every Lewis house has a dead air "overcoat." A cross section of the wall would show siding, then building paper, sheath-

ing lumber, dead air, studding, lath and plaster. This sort of construction keeps your house warm in winter and cool in summer.



Firestop Construction. There is no circulation from basement to roof in a Lewis house. Each story is a separate unit just as in the great fireproof skyscrapers of structural steel. The accompanying diagram, showing a cross section of a Lewis house, illustrates clearly just how Lewis construction prevents fire from spreading rapidly.

Outside Walls. Shingles or siding are furnished as shown. If you desire outside walls finished differently than now shown, quotations will be promptly furnished on request.

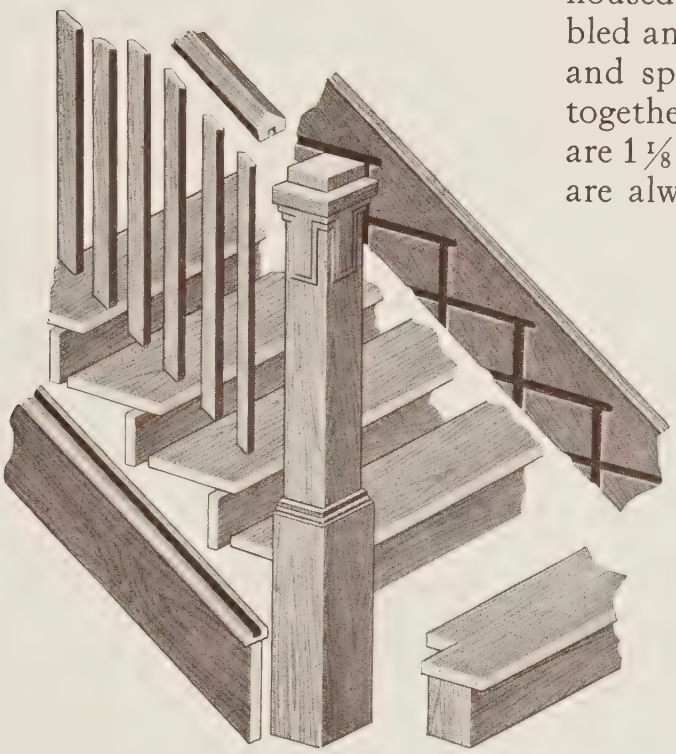
Stucco or Brick Veneer. Any Lewis home can be adapted to stucco or brick veneer. The stucco material or brick are never furnished as these can usually be secured to better advantage locally. When adapting the design to stucco the wall sheathing, siding and outside wall paint are omitted and Byrkit patent stucco sheathing furnished. Should you wish to apply stucco on metal or wooden lath or Bishopric Board, special prices will be quoted. Prices on any Lewis home adapted to brick veneer will be quoted on request.

Roof Shingles. 5/2 Washington Red Cedar or Michigan White Cedar shingles are furnished for all roofs. If semi-slate shingles are preferred, they will be furnished at a small extra cost.

Outside Finish. All lumber used for outside finish work is selected No. 1 quality perfectly machined. Porch columns and buttresses are all completely finished ready to set in place. Brackets, flower boxes

and other ornamental details are all mitered and finished ready to assemble. With the materials all furnished in this way, the carpenter labor is reduced to the minimum.

Interior Finish. The interior finish in all Lewis Homes is made



from clear steam kiln dried shortleaf Yellow Pine, especially selected for interior finish because of beauty and variety of grain. The casings are of a two-member back band style. All the finish is machined perfectly and sanded ready for the stain and varnish. Every precaution is taken in the crating and loading of this material so that it will reach the builder in as perfect condition as when it leaves our factory.

Stairs. Wonderfully attractive developments of the interior design are shown in Lewis Stairways —Newel posts, rail, balusters, treads, etc., all conform with the general architecture of the house. The cut on this page shows how all the intricate work of stair making has been done, stringers all housed, posts completely assembled and the treads, risers, railing and spindles all cut ready to go together. All main stair treads are 1⅛ inch thick. Rough strings are always furnished to facilitate erection.

Doors. Doors are always designed to look well with the general design of the house. The several attractive styles offered by Lewis are shown on pages 104 and 105. Five cross panel doors are used inside, or two-panel doors at a slight extra cost. The wood is selected for its attractive grain, well sanded and bored out for the lock, except the swing door between kitchen and dining room, which is equipped with push plates and a double acting floor hinge.

Windows. The sash for all windows are made of clear White Pine and glazed with "A" quality sheet glass. White Pine—the finest window sash produced—all frames are accurately cut-to-fit and shipped in the knock down. Basement windows are not furnished

as the foundation walls should be all completed with the windows in place when the house arrives.

Finish Hardware. The finish hardware with the exception of the bathroom hardware, is furnished in either dull brass or antique copper. The knobs and all outside escutcheons are solid bronze eliminating the objection caused by rusting which is common with all cheaper grades. It is of a design that closely harmonizes with the interior woodwork. For the bathroom, nickel finish hardware is furnished.

Building Hardware. All small hardware necessities such as base knobs, sash locks, lifts, weights, cords, pulleys, building paper, ridge roll, flashings, metal hip shingles, coat hooks, putty, sandpaper, is included with every Lewis home. The complete sizes and quantities of nails required are also furnished and the detailed specifications give the use for which they are intended. See detailed specifications, the "Regal," pages 120 to 122.

Paints, Stains and Varnishes. Our contract with the famous Sherwin-Williams Company enables us to provide you with the finest paints and varnishes and give you a big saving. Color cards will be sent on request. Pure raw linseed oil, a specially prepared porch paint to resist wear, and shingle stain for shingled outer walls are also furnished. The quality of Sherwin-Williams paints and varnishes is so well known as to need no comment here.

White Enamel. When white enamel woodwork is wanted we recommend the use of Basswood for the inside finish instead of Yellow Pine. The basswood is generally used for higher class enamel work as it is very easily covered and will not discolor the enamel. The combination of white enamel woodwork with birch doors stained mahogany, is becoming extremely popular. The additional cost for these changes in any or all rooms will be quoted on request.

Hardwood Finish. Clear selected Oak will be furnished for inside trim instead of the Yellow Pine at an additional cost. Prices will also be quoted on solid Oak or Maple flooring for any or all rooms.

Attic. Flooring for the attic is furnished only when stairs to the attic are shown in the design. An attic can be provided in almost any of the bungalows or two-story houses.

Complete Plans. A complete set of working drawings is furnished with every order. These not only show the different elevations and floor plans of the house, as provided by ordinary architects and builders, but also the exact size and location of practically each piece of material. The numbers and letters on the different materials correspond with the drawings and instructions so that the drawings make their purpose and position absolutely clear. They are almost mistake-proof.

Reversed Plans. The plans for any design in this book can be reversed and material furnished accordingly at no additional cost.

Instructions. In addition to the complete working plans we furnish without charge a detailed set of instructions, explaining clearly the construction of that particular Lewis home from the time the material is being unloaded from the car until the construction work is all finished. Everything is made so clear that if you have the time, you can direct the work of the carpenters yourself. At any rate, the whole process of building will be amazingly rapid.

COMPARE QUALITY AND CONSTRUCTION WHEN COMPARING PRICE

Extra Material. Extra amounts of the various kinds of lumber are always furnished with each house to make up for any which may be damaged while the construction is in progress.

Built-in Features. Bookcases, colonnades, buffets, are furnished when shown on the floor plan and called for in the detailed specifications. Many of the interior views show beamed ceilings, French doors, colonnades, etc., which are only as suggestions. We shall be glad to figure with you on any special ideas you may want to have carried out.

Masonry. Brick, cement, plaster, sand, etc., are not furnished as these materials can always be secured to better advantage locally. We do, however, furnish without cost, the complete plans for the foundation and provide sketches and plans for fireplaces.

Freight. All prices quoted in this book are f. o. b. factory. That is, we load the material on the cars at our mills and the freight is paid by the customer. This is really a saving for you on freight. You are paying at low carload commodity rates on nothing but *your* material straight from the mill right in the timber region to your own city. When you buy through lumber dealers, their prices cover the freight charges on extra loading and unloading your lumber, and a profit beside. Pay the freight yourself and save money.

Prompt Shipments. Our system of construction saves you money in lumber and labor costs and so do our methods of shipping straight from the mill to the customer. There is no middleman. The lumber passes through but one organization on its way from the standing trees to you. We own our own timber tracts, sawmills, interior finish mills, sash and door factories and carry an enormous stock at all times. We can fill orders promptly and completely.

DETAIL SPECIFICATIONS
AND
BUILDING ESTIMATE

MATERIAL and construction are the two chief factors that determine the measure of satisfaction a home will yield in the years to come. When you build a Lewis Home you are building for the future.
Study the specifications for the "Regal" reproduced on the following pages. The detailed specifications and building estimates for the particular Lewis Home you like best will be sent on request.

The REGAL
Size 26x28

EXCAVATING

In excavating for a 7′ foundation wall, the depth of excavation is usually four feet. This allows for one foot of fill with the wall extending two feet above the grade. Excavating four feet, including excavation of a trench 2′0″ wide and 2′6″ deep for porch walls, would require the removal of 132 yards of earth.

FOOTING

A sixteen by four inch footing under the wall, including porch footing, would require 2½ cu. yds. concrete.

3½ Bbls. cement
1 Cu. yd. sand
2 Cu. yds. gravel or crushed stone

CEMENT BLOCK WALL

Cement block wall seven feet high, including material for a 3½ foot porch wall, would require using:

8″ x 8″ x 16″ blocks	8″ x 8″ x 24″ blocks
940 Blocks	630 Blocks
3 Bbls. cement	2½ Bbls. cement
1 Cu. yd. sand	¾ Cu. yd. sand

Above estimate based on one part cement, two parts sand. Average mason and helper should lay 150 16″ or 100 24″ blocks in an eight-hour day.

BRICK WALL

Brick wall seven feet high, including material for an 8″ wall 3½ feet deep for porch, would require

For 8″ wall	For 12″ wall
12500 Brick	18750 Brick
12 Bbls. lime	18 Bbls. lime
6 Cu. yds. sand	9 Cu. yds. sand

Average mason and helper should lay 1400 brick in an eight-hour day.

BASEMENT FLOOR

Figuring a four-inch layer of cinders, a three-inch layer of concrete and a ½″ finish coat.

9 Cu. yds. cinders
13¾ Bbls. cement
4 Cu. yds. sand
6 Cu. yds. gravel

FOUNDATION PLAN

It is important that you receive the foundation plan before starting the foundation work.

CHIMNEY

Estimates are based on the chimney constructed from basement floor to the proper height above the ridge of roof, approximately 36′0″ high in this instance.

Single 8 x 8″ flue	Double 8 x 8″ flue
970 Brick	1600 Brick
1 Bbl. lime	1¾ Bbls. lime
½ Cu. yd. sand	¾ Cu. yd. sand

PLASTER

Number of yards of plaster required, 665.

CARPENTER LABOR

Four men working under normal conditions should erect the "Regal" exclusive of the masonry in twenty-six eight-hour working days.

PAINTING

Two men should paint the exterior two coats in 8½ eight-hour working days.

CEILING HEIGHTS

First floor 9′0″; Second floor 8′0″.

FRAMING MATERIAL

All the framing material such as sills, joists, plates, studding and rafters, etc., is No. 1 Hemlock dressed to standard width and thickness. This material is all accurately cut-to-fit and clearly marked to conform with working blueprints.

CENTER SILL

Built up of four 2″ x 8″. Built-up sills are preferable to the solid sill, for in the built-up sill the distribution of the direction of the grain is such that any weakness caused by cross grain in the material is distributed along the sill. Extra sills for post or pier construction can be furnished at an additional cost.

BOND TIMBERS

The bond timbers are 2″ x 6″ furnished for around the top of the foundation wall.

FLOOR JOISTS

Joists are doubled around stair openings, the trimmers carrying the headers being doubled the full length of the unsupported span.

1st floor joists 2 x 8—16″ O. C.
2nd floor joists 2 x 8—16″ O. C.
Porch floor joists 2 x 6—24″ O. C.

CEILING JOISTS

House ceiling joists 2 x 4—16″ O. C.
Porch ceiling joists 2 x 4—24″ O. C.

RAFTERS

All rafters are notched, beveled and mitered, ready to set in place.

Main house rafters 2 x 4 and 2 x 6—24″ O. C.
Porch rafters 2 x 4—24″ O. C.
Hip rafters 2 x 6

STUDDING

All wall and partition studding 2″ x 4″—16″ O. C. Studs are doubled at all corners and on all door and window openings. The practice of using single studs around all openings is very common but is not considered good construction, and is not carried out in well designed homes.

PLATES

2″ x 4″. Single plate is used at the bottom and a double plate at the top of all walls and partitions.

FLOOR SHEATHING

Floor sheathing or sub-floor, one inch No. 2 Hemlock, surfaced and cut accurately to fit. *Furnished for both first and second floors.*

WALL SHEATHING

One inch No. 2 Hemlock surfaced and cut accurately to fit. *Gable sheathing mitered.*

ROOF BOARDS

1″ x 4″, No. 2 Hemlock surfaced and cut-to-fit. Roof boards are to be spaced 2″ apart which permits the air to get at the shingles, insuring a more lasting roof. When semi-slate shingles are used 1″ x 6″ roof boards are furnished to be laid tight.

SIDEWALLS

½″ x 6″ Clear Redwood or Red Cedar Siding laid 4½″ to the weather is furnished for sidewalls. The siding is furnished in standard lengths suitable for cutting and fitting on job with minimum of waste.

ROOF SHINGLES

5 to 2 Washington Red Cedar or Michigan White Cedar are furnished in sufficient quantities to lay 5″ to the weather.

LATH

For inside walls and ceilings 32″ and 48″ air dried lath are furnished. Sufficient 48″ lath are furnished to enable the lather to lath the corners, etc., without waste.

GROUNDS

All of our houses will be prepared to receive lath and plaster. ¾″ grounds are furnished for a single course around all openings and a double course for the base board. The window and door jambs are made accordingly.

SPECIFICATIONS CAN BE MADE TO CONFORM WITH LOCAL BUILDING LAWS IN ANY COMMUNITY

BRIDGING

1″ x 2″ Cross Bridging, cut-to-fit, is furnished in sufficient quantity for one row on all spans up to 14′. Where span is 14′ or over, sufficient bridging is furnished for two rows

OUTSIDE TRIM

All outside trim such as facias, frieze, corner boards, mouldings, etc., is carefully selected Gray Fir or White Pine of the proper sizes to conform with the detailed drawings.

PORCH COLUMNS, ETC.

Boxed porch columns 10″ x 10″ complete with cap and base are furnished for front porch. Porch rail is built up as shown, of 2 x 4 framing material and siding same as specified for sidewalls.

OUTSIDE STEPS

Front steps are furnished 7′0″ wide with a rise of 2′8″. Material is furnished for a built-up buttress for each side of steps as shown.

FINISH FLOORING

Finish flooring for all floors will be $\frac{13}{16}$″ x 2¼″ face strictly clear Fir or $\frac{13}{16}$″ x 3¼″ face strictly clear Yellow Pine suitable for polished floor. Cut-to-fit, bundled and marked to conform with plans.

PORCH FLOORING

$\frac{13}{16}$″ x 2¼″ face strictly clear Fir or $\frac{13}{16}$″ x 3¼″ strictly clear Yellow Pine cut-to-fit, bundled and marked to conform with plans.

PORCH CEILING

⅝″ x 3¼″ face strictly clear Fir or Yellow Pine narrow beaded ceiling, tongued and grooved and cut accurately to fit.

INSIDE FINISH

The inside finish is of clear steam, kiln dried Shortleaf Yellow Pine of two member back-band design carefully trimmed, sanded and properly crated for shipping so that it is unnecessary to go over this finish if it is properly cared for on the job.

MAIN STAIR

The strings are housed ready to receive treads and risers. Treads are 1⅛″ thick. Rough carriages furnished for these stairs to facilitate erection. Detailed drawings show clearly the construction.

BASEMENT STAIR

The basement stair is constructed similar to the main stair as far as the landing. From the grade landing to the basement, the stair is of the open riser type.

DOORS

Front door	3′0″ x 6′8″—1¾″	Design No. 2
Grade door	2′8″ x 6′8″—1⅜″	Design No. 1
Inside cellar door	2′8″ x 6′8″—1⅜″	Design No. 1
Dbl. act. door	2′8″ x 6′8″—1⅜″	Design No. 8
Inside doors	2′8″ x 6′8″—1⅜″	Design No. 8
Inside clo. doors	2′0″ x 6′8″—1⅜″	Design No. 8

BASE AND SHOE

A three-member base and shoe of a design to harmonize with the remainder of the finish is furnished for all finished rooms.

PICTURE MOULDING

Picture moulding is furnished for reception halls, living and dining room of all houses.

DOOR STOPS

Door stops of hardwood with inset rubber tips are furnished where required to stop doors.

HOOK STRIPS AND SHELVING

Hook strips and hooks are furnished for all closets. A 10″ shelf is furnished to rest on the hook strips.

OUTSIDE DOOR FRAMES

The jambs are $1\frac{1}{2}''$ x $5\frac{5}{16}''$. Side jambs are dadoed for head and sill. The sill is $1\frac{3}{4}''$ Oak. Outside casings are $\frac{13}{16}''$ x $4\frac{1}{4}''$ and the head casing is furnished with a drip cap. All members cut-to-fit and ready to nail up as per detailed drawings.

INSIDE DOOR JAMBS

The inside jambs are $\frac{13}{16}''$ x $5\frac{5}{16}''$, the material to correspond with the finish of the rooms. The jambs are furnished with the necessary stops and the head is dadoed to receive the side jambs so that the jamb is ready to nail up.

WINDOW FRAMES

The pulley stiles of check rail windows are $\frac{13}{16}''$ thick and are bored ready to receive pulleys and dadoed for the head and sill. Outside casings are $\frac{13}{16}''$ x $4\frac{1}{4}''$ and the head is provided with a drip cap. The sill is $1\frac{3}{4}''$ thick and grooved on the under side to receive the siding.

CASEMENT FRAMES

The jambs are $1\frac{1}{2}''$ thick and the $1\frac{3}{4}''$ sill is provided with a specially designed strip to make the window water tight. This feature is found only on Lewis casement windows. The outside casings are the same as for the check rail windows. All material is cut-to-fit and ready to nail together according to detailed drawings.

SEND FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE LEWIS HOME YOU HAVE SELECTED

SASH

All sash are manufactured from clear White Pine $1\frac{3}{8}''$ thick, divided as shown. On casement sash the meeting stiles are rabbeted and the bottom rail is designed to prevent leaking.

CELLAR WINDOWS

No cellar windows are furnished as it is usually desired that the foundation be all completed with the cellar windows in place by the time the house arrives. (Prices, however, will be quoted on request.)

GLASS

All sash are glazed with "A" quality sheet glass, the glass being well bedded, tacked and puttied.

BUILDING PAPER

Building paper of a heavy grade is included with the hardware in sufficient quantities for its use between the sub and finished floors and on all outside walls.

RIDGE ROLLS, FLASHINGS, ETC.

We include with the hardware, flashings for chimneys and valleys, metal ridge roll for ridge and hip shingles for hips. Gutters and downspouts are only furnished when ordered extra.

HARDWARE FOR DOORS

Front door furnished with three 4″ butts and cylinder lockset with solid bronze knobs and escutcheons.
Rear door furnished with three $3\frac{1}{2}''$ butts and mortise lock with solid bronze knobs and steel escutcheons.
Inside doors furnished with two $3\frac{1}{2}''$ butts and lock with solid bronze knobs and steel escutcheons.
Double acting door furnished with double acting floor hinge and two push plates.

HARDWARE FOR WINDOWS

30 x 26, 22 x 26, 16 x 26, 26 x 26, 26 x 20 check rail windows furnished with weights, pulleys, cord, with a lock and lift for each window. For the casement windows 2″ parliament butts, casement fasteners and catches are furnished.

SCHEDULE OF NAILS

Complete quantities and sizes of all nails required are furnished according to the following schedule:

All framing material	16 "D" & 8 "D" Commons
All sheathing	8 "D" Commons
All lath	3 "D" Fine lath nails
All bevel siding	6 "D" Box nails
All flooring	8 "D" Flooring nails
All inside trim	6 & 8 "D" finish
All outside cornice and frames	8 "D" Casing nails
All outside cornice moulds	6 "D" Casing nails
All half-inch material	$1\frac{3}{4}''$ Brads
Small inside finish	1″ Brads
All shingles	3 "D" Shingle nails

PAINTS

Sherwin-Williams quality paints, inside stains and varnishes are furnished in sufficient quantities for two-coat work. These paints are furnished under Sherwin-Williams strong guarantee of satisfaction. Pure linseed oil with sufficient turpentine is furnished for necessary thinning. No paint, stain or varnish is furnished for inside floors.

SHINGLE STAIN

When shingles are used on the sidewalls, sufficient shingle stain is furnished for one heavy brush coat. Sherwin-Williams shingle stain is of the highest quality. The color does not bleach out as with ordinary stain. No stain is furnished for the roof shingles, but prices will be quoted on request.

PLUMBING, HEATING AND LIGHTING

No materials are furnished for the plumbing, heating and lighting, but we handle several different styles of fixtures, prices on which will be quoted on request.

WINDOW AND DOOR SCREENS

Window and outside door screens, as well as screens for porches, are not included in the regular specifications, but they can be furnished at very reasonable prices which will be quoted on request.

EXTRA MATERIAL

Extra material is always included with each shipment to take care of any possible breakage or shortage. In most cases it is desirable to run the soil pipes between the studding which requires a 6″ instead of a 4″ partition. Extra pieces of 2″ material are furnished so the partition can be made 6″ wide.

OPTIONAL MATERIAL

Where more than one kind of material is specified for the same purpose it is understood that our option shall govern.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

YOUR study of the preceding pages has, no doubt, convinced you why you should build a Lewis Home—but, never having had previous experience in building in this way, there may be some questions still unanswered. Let us know if your question has not been answered here.

QUESTION: I want to build a home, but I am not sure that I want a Lewis Home. Tell me just why I should build a Lewis Home?

ANSWER: A Lewis Home first of all is designed by experts, planned and constructed economically, being a practical house, thoroughly livable and comfortable. You will have the service and advice of experts in every branch of home building. You see actual photographs of your home and know exactly how it will look when completed. You will know that it is correctly designed and is constructed of the finest selected materials. A Lewis Home is your insurance against the costly errors and many years of dissatisfaction resulting from overlooked details.

QUESTION: But I have talked to a builder and he strongly advised me against building a Ready Cut Home. He said that Ready Cut houses were like a Chinese puzzle, that they were likely to be short in material and that the material was of inferior quality and they did not come up to the building specifications of any community. He also said they were flimsy. His advice would be most strongly to leave the proposition alone and to build by the good old-fashioned method. Is this true?

ANSWER: Invariably such a builder has never had actual experience in building a Lewis Home. Builders are the quickest to recognize the time, labor and waste-saving advantages in building a Lewis Home, and we number hundreds of contractors in all parts of the country among our most valuable customers and friends. Your builder will actually find less sorting necessary than he will be obliged to do in building from regular yard stocks, if he conscientiously sorts such yard stocks so they will cut to advantage without a large percentage of waste. Our material comes carefully bundled and distinctly marked, and by unloading the material at the building site according to the lay-out plan we furnish, no further sorting is necessary. The construction of Lewis Homes and the materials furnished are fully covered in our specifications and guarantee of ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION. You have no such protection in building any other way.

QUESTION: But I would not want a house that looked flimsy even though it were strong and durable.

ANSWER: Do not confuse Lewis Homes with the makeshift portable houses or cheaply constructed ready-cut industrial houses which are in no way similar. An examination of our specifications will assure you that our construction is substantial and permanent and in addition you know that the design is the tested product of an experienced architect. Every detail in a Lewis Home has been carefully considered before being finally adopted. Our architects are not limited to what a local dealer usually carries in stock, but have the facilities of a huge millwork factory to draw from.

QUESTION: But will any contractor understand how to go about putting up one of these houses?

ANSWER: Any contractor who is capable of building a home from the ordinary plans, cutting the materials on the job by hand, can surely construct a home when all this difficult work has been done for him and he is furnished with plans which clearly show every minor detail of construction. In addition, he has detailed instructions making it possible, in fact, for almost anyone with even a slight degree of carpentry knowledge, to do the work heretofore conducted by the experienced builder. It is just plain common sense applied to home building.

QUESTION: Why can I build a Lewis Home for a price so much lower than I can build a house locally by old-fashioned methods?

ANSWER: This is due to a saving in labor and materials and quantity production. A carpenter, for instance, in building by the old method, must saw every piece of studding, joist, sheathing, flooring, etc., that is used. This means measuring and handling several hundred pieces and wasting the ends. This waste material costs you as much as the materials finally used. The carpenter must design and build the stairs, cutting each piece to fit. He must bore out the doors for the locks. Does it not stand to reason that where carloads of such materials can be cut to mathematical accuracy by huge power saws, that the work can be done much more cheaply?

QUESTION: I don't see how close fitting joints could be made if the siding and also the base board is cut-to-fit at the mill. Is absolutely every piece of material cut-to-fit?

ANSWER: The siding is furnished in standard lengths so as to give the builder an opportunity to trim the pieces, making tight-fitting joints between the casings and corner boards. The base boards are furnished in long lengths, as they must be fitted after the walls are plastered. The same is true of the mouldings, which are not cut to fit. See specifications on pages 115 to 119.

QUESTION: But I don't find a home in your book that exactly suits me.

ANSWER: Any practical changes to meet with your particular needs can be carried out. We shall be glad to co-operate with you in adapting any Lewis Home to your requirements.

QUESTION: How about the staircase? Does it have to be fitted?

ANSWER: The staircase is shipped ready to put up without any cutting. The risers and treads have been cut and fitted. The mortises have been cut in the strings and even wedges and glue to wedge in the steps are furnished so all the carpenter has to do is to put the staircase together. See illustration on Page 117 showing how the stair material is cut-to-fit.

QUESTION: Is it true that hundreds of Lewis Homes have actually been built and have proved to be satisfactory?

ANSWER: Practically every Lewis Home has been built hundreds of times. Read the unsolicited letters from many of the owners. Thousands of Lewis Homes stand as testimony to the savings and satisfaction afforded by this efficient method.

QUESTION: You claim that there will be a saving of 40% in the cost of labor in putting up a Lewis Home. Do you really mean it?

ANSWER: We mean exactly that. If, under the old methods, the carpenter work and other incidental labor would cost $1,000, a Lewis Home of the same size and general character should only cost $600. This saving is made, as we have pointed out, by the fact that there is no sawing or fitting necessary.

QUESTION: Most of my friends have told me that a house always costs more than you expect it to. Is that also true of Lewis Homes?

ANSWER: You know beforehand just exactly what your house is going to cost without any extras or unexpected developments. That is the biggest appeal of the Lewis plan—next to the saving in actual cost.

QUESTION: Is the lumber you supply as good as the first class lumber I would get from a reliable lumber yard?

ANSWER: In studying the specifications you will find that only the highest grades of materials are used. Your local dealer must turn the material over to you just as he receives it. Invariably much of this material must be discarded and additional material purchased, and you pay the bills. They could not afford to sort the materials over as there would be a big loss to them. In Lewis Homes every piece is guaranteed for quality. You are protected by our binding guarantee of absolute satisfaction.

QUESTION: Of course, it is easy enough to claim all of these things, but how do I know that you will live up to your promises?

ANSWER: You are absolutely protected because we give you five days after you receive your Lewis Home to inspect it with your contractor and to see that in every respect it comes up to the specifications that we furnish. You do not pay anything until you are satisfied—you take no risk whatever. The burden of proof is entirely up to us. What could be fairer than that?

QUESTION: Well, suppose I decide to build a Lewis Home, what do I do first?

ANSWER: First you should send for the detailed specifications of the Lewis Home you have selected. The order should then be mailed according to the terms outlined on Page 125. Just as soon as the order reaches us, we will then send the complete working plans, building instructions, etc., with plans for the foundation, so you can arrange with a contractor to excavate your cellar and build your foundation. We do not furnish any of the materials for the foundation so your contractor can secure the necessary cement, brick, etc., locally and have this part of the work finished when the car arrives with the house.

QUESTION: I will assume then, that I have my foundation contracted for and built. What is the next step?

ANSWER: As soon as you receive the complete plans and building instructions, you can engage the carpenter contractor who is to build your home. Then by the time the foundation is finished the Lewis Home should be delivered at your railroad station, everything carefully loaded in a freight car. You will be furnished with a plan showing where each of the different kinds of material should be piled so as to be readily available when needed —Delays or mistakes will be practically eliminated and the house will go up like magic before your eyes.

QUESTION: Supposing that I run short of material?

ANSWER: Such cases are an exception. Extra material is always furnished with every shipment for use should it be required. Each shipment is so carefully checked that errors very seldom occur. Should there be a shortage, however, a rush shipment is made from our factory, or you are asked to purchase the necessary material locally, the cost of same to be paid by us. Our guarantee fully protects you.

QUESTION: But I do not know anything about building a house. Is not this taking too much responsibility?

ANSWER: You do not take nearly so much responsibility as you would if you built a house by old-fashioned methods. The entire Lewis organization is ready to co-operate with you and serve you at all times.

QUESTION: We notice on Page 125 of the booklet "Lewis Homes" that we would have five days in which to examine the house, in the meantime having deposited our money with a local bank or trust company. We cannot do this because we plan to build our house through a local building and loan association who will not furnish money in advance. Can we make arrangements to meet this situation?

ANSWER: Yes—we frequently make such arrangements in special cases. If you will let us know just what your requirements are, we will try to meet them.

QUESTION: How do I know that the Lewis Manufacturing Company is reliable?

ANSWER: This company has a national reputation for fairness. Any bank in Bay City, Michigan, or any of the thousands of Lewis Home owners, will certify to our reliability. The reputation that we have built up is our most priceless asset and you are absolutely safe in dealing with us. We stand back of our guarantee unqualifiedly. We guarantee to furnish enough of the various kinds of material to complete a house according to the detailed specifications. We guarantee that these houses will be strong and durable and that they will arrive at your destination in good condition. We guarantee that you will be satisfied. There are no quibbles or loop holes to this guarantee. It means just exactly what it says.

TERMS OF PURCHASE

A 2% cash discount from the list price of any house is allowed when the full purchase price accompanies the order. You are perfectly safe in sending the entire amount with the order, as you are fully protected by our binding guarantee of satisfaction. (See page 2.)

Orders will be accepted if accompanied by one-third of the list price of the house, the balance to be paid upon delivery by sight draft attached to the bill of lading. No cash discount is allowed under these terms.

Under our 5-day examination plan the full purchase price may be deposited with any Bank or Trust Company. Have an official sign the reverse side of the order blank. Upon receipt of this certificate of deposit, shipment will be made to your order, and five days will be allowed from receipt of the material in which to carefully check the shipment, both as to quality and quantity. No cash discount is allowed under these terms.

If you are planning on building through a Building & Loan Association, and cannot meet the above terms on account of the association rules, write and give us the full information. We will gladly try to arrange terms that will be satisfactory.

Lewis Homes Mean Satisfied Owners—
Read What They Say

"We have been living in the La Vitello for a month now, and we are delighted with this 'Lewis Home' in every particular. The architecture is not only of a far superior grade than anything designed in this vicinity, but the practical working arrangement of the bungalow excels even the rich architectural lines of the house. The quality of all material you furnished is also of a much higher grade than anything procurable here at any price, and everything went together without difficulty and in splendid shape."

Mr. H. L. Grimmell, Pa.

"Another proud owner"

"I am proud to have a chance to send you a picture of my Lewis Home. We are pleased in every way and if we were to build again, we should by all means build another Lewis Home."

Chas. Whitcomb, Me.

Mr. R. B. Pierpont of Connecticut writes that he made a saving of from $300.00 to $500.00 by building a Lewis Home.

"Saved $900"

Robert Bruce of Missouri advises he saved over $900.00 in building the "El Paso."

"Credit to the Lewis Organization"

"My Malvern is now completed and I can freely say that it is a credit to the Lewis Organization."

Byron Gilson, N. J.

"Saved $500.00"

"We have shown our 'Milton' home to quite a number of people and several have said they would deal with your firm on our recommendations. At the present prices I should consider a saving of $500.00 has been made."

Mrs. E. Inglis, N. Y.

"Received material May 13th and moved in our new home July 13th, 3 men working—one carpenter and two helpers. The two helpers also painted the house on outside and stained all the inside; we have had several people to look at our house and they say the Moorland is the nicest ready-cut house they have ever seen."

Mr. James Martin, Pa.

"Saved 25 to 40%"

"I am now living in my new Lewis Home, the Rosemont, and my wife and I are very much pleased with it in every way. I figure I made a saving of about 25 to 40% by building a Lewis Home. We are glad to show it to our friends and to anyone who would like to see it.

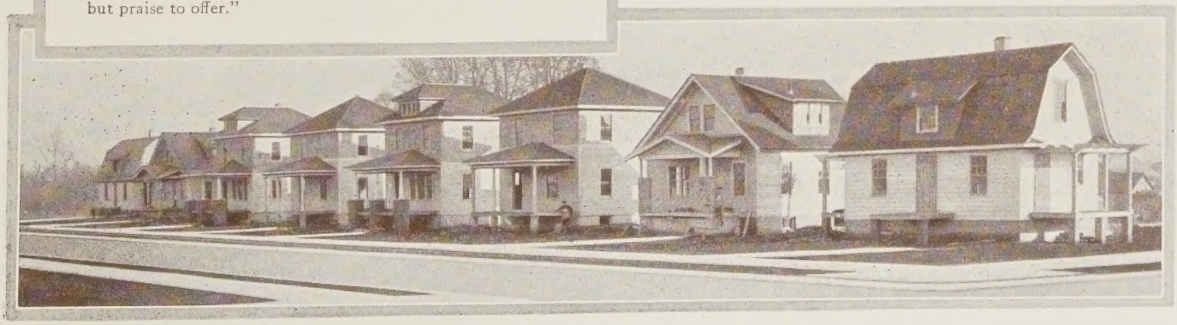
Ralph W. Parsons, Mass.

"My Lewis Home is getting more beautiful each day. It takes the eye of the public. I have more visitors every day. One says 'it looks wonderful,' another says 'the best looking house on Michigan Ave.'"

C. J. York, Mich.

"Nothing but praise to offer"

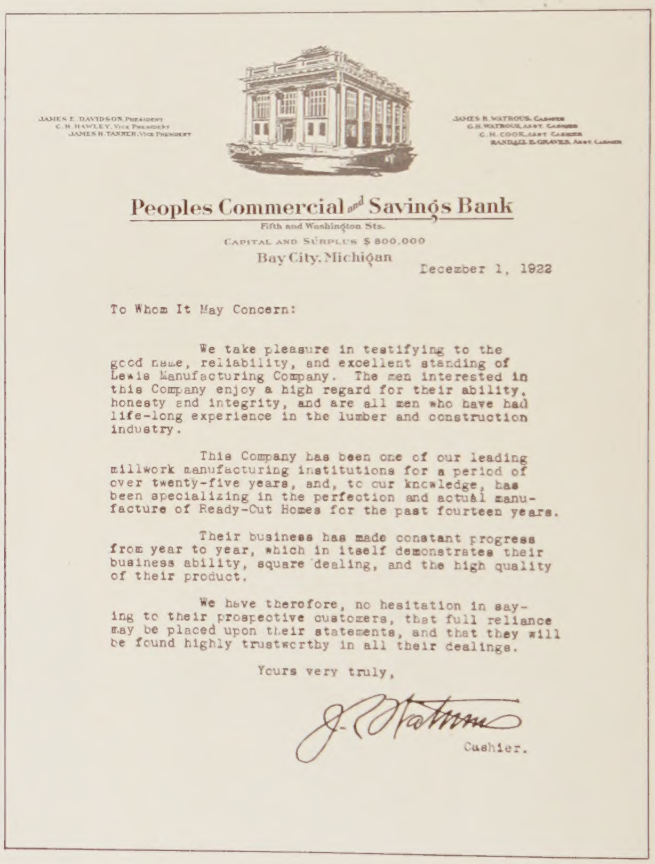
Hetchler-Raab Company, Flint, Michigan, write: "Our experience with Lewis Homes has always been of the best and we absolutely have no fault to find. On the contrary, we have nothing but praise to offer."



OUR POLICY OF SATISFIED CUSTOMERS IS YOUR BEST GUARANTEE

NATIONALLY-KNOWN corporations in all sections of the country have purchased and erected Lewis-Built Homes for their employees in large numbers. We are giving below a list of some of our recent well-known customers, a number of whom have purchased over one hundred Lewis-Built Homes. Such concerns, you will readily recognize, would not continue to use the Lewis System in their extensive operations without being thoroughly satisfied that our service offers decided advantages over the old method of house construction.

Allegheny Ore & Iron Company
American Plate Glass Co.
American Radiator Co.
Acme Realty & Investment Co.
American Home & Inv. Co.
Battle Creek Coal & Coke Co.
Bruin Coal Co.
Bessemer Coal & Coke Co.
Bevis Rock Salt Co.
Becker Steel Co. of America
Barnett Foundry Co.
Chas. D. Durkee & Co., Inc.
Crestwood Realty & Const. Corp.
Clarion Coal Mining Co.
Cleveland Stone Co.
Cambria Steel Co.
Carbon Limestone Co.
Consumers Power Co.
Consumers Mining Co.
Colonial Houses Co.
Columbia Coal & Coke Co.
Columbia Sugar Co.
Columbia Land Co.
Dennison Building Co.
Dept. of Interior, U. S. Gov.
Denby Motor Truck Co.
Drews-Fuller Company, Inc.
District Realty & Inv. Exch.
Economy Baler Co.
Ephraim Creek Coal & Coke Co.
Edgewater Heights Realty Co.
Felt Paper Company
Foundation Company of N. Y.
Garner Construction Co.
Granum Const. Co.
Greater Elyria Bldg. Co.
Gorman & Lees, Inc.
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.
General Refractories Co.
Hetchler-Raab Company
Homestead Park Land Co.
Hardware City Loan Corp.
C. T. Houghton & Co.
Larrowe Milling Co.
Livingston Development Corp.
Lock Haven Fire Brick Co.
LaBelle Iron Works
Mandler Brodt & Company
Medina Gas & Fuel Co.
Michigan State Prison
M. B. Schenck Co.
Manhassett Mfg. Co.
Macbeth Evans Glass Co.
Marsh Glover Realty Co.
Massillon Belmont Coal Co.
Montour & Lake Erie Coal Co.
Medina Homes Company
Monoway Construction Co.
New Jersey Zinc Co.
Norfolk & Southern Ry. Co.
Oceanside Building Co.



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Fifth and Washington Sts.
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS $800,000
Bay City, Michigan

December 1, 1922

To Whom It May Concern:

We take pleasure in testifying to the good name, reliability, and excellent standing of Lewis Manufacturing Company. The men interested in this Company enjoy a high regard for their ability, honesty and integrity, and are all men who have had life-long experience in the lumber and construction industry.

This Company has been one of our leading millwork manufacturing institutions for a period of over twenty-five years, and, to our knowledge, has been specializing in the perfection and actual manufacture of Ready-Cut Homes for the past fourteen years.

Their business has made constant progress from year to year, which in itself demonstrates their business ability, square dealing, and the high quality of their product.

We have therefore, no hesitation in saying to their prospective customers, that full reliance may be placed upon their statements, and that they will be found highly trustworthy in all their dealings.

Yours very truly,

J. R. Watrous
Cashier.

Ohio Quarries Company
Phoenix Cheese Company
Phoenix Refining Company
Purseglove Maher Mining Co.
Realty Co-operative Co.
Schwarzenbach-Huber Co.
Standard Securities Co.
Standard Oil Co.
State of Maryland
Tennessee Copper Co.
Tennessee Valley Iron & Ry. Co.
United States Government
Union Collieries Co.

Wellington Realty Co.
Westport Dev. Co.
Wright Wire Co.
Westbury Manor Co.
Wellsboro Realty Co.
Woodruff Coal Company
Wyoming Sand & Stone Co.
Wold Summit Coal Co.
Welfare Realty Co.
West Virginia State Board of Control
Yantacaw Realty & Investment Co.